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JOHN BAER of JMS Development Partners addresses the community at a presentation last week of the proposal to build residential, live/work and retail units on the El Cerrito Mill & Lumber site.

Housing, retail plan unveiled for EC Mill & Lumber site

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Described as "the right project for the site" by the developer, the former El Cerrito Mill and Lumber Co. property at 10812 San Pablo Ave. may soon be home to 155 to 160 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Plans call for up to 12,000 square feet of live/work office space on the upper floors of the approximately 137,600-square-foot project, which includes a large outdoor public courtyard off San Pablo Avenue, paths of travel to nearby shopping centers, "strong orientation" to the Ohlone Greenway and "top of the market unit sizes and amenities" in the apartments.

About 5,600 square feet of retail space on the ground floor along San Pablo Avenue and extending up a short distance on Schmidt Lane is also planned.

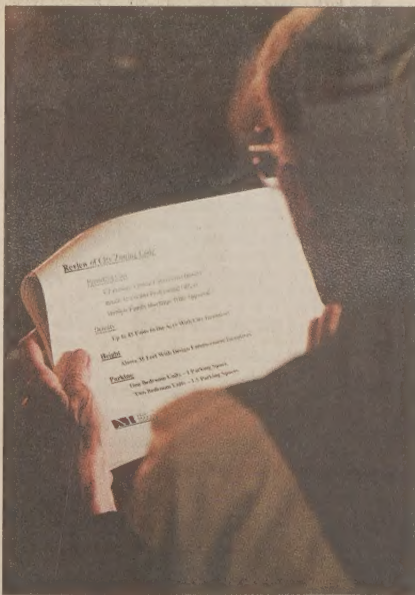
Some of the planned roof heights are 42 feet to allow for some live/work loft apartments along San Pablo Avenue. El Cerrito's zoning ordinance limits building heights to 35 feet and developers need a special use permit from the city to build higher.

Members of the project's development team — John Baer of JMS Development Partners, architect David Johnson and principals from The Matteson Companies — sponsored a public forum last week to present the plans to the public.

The meeting, held in the nearly empty space that used to be El Cerrito Mill and Lumber's main show and sales room, attracted more than 80 people, including nearby residents, City Council members, planning commissioners and members of the city's Design Review Board.

"We're going to build the right project for the site; it's going to work from an economic point of view; it's going to be occupied; it's going to be active" and good looking, Baer told the attendees.

"This is a permitted use; we're not suggesting something that is not a permitted use," Baer said. He later added that the project "must be of high quality and compelling design"



AT THE Aug. 2 presentation resident Guy Colburn looks over the Conceptual Developmental Plans handed out for review.

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Streets adjusted to accommodate projects

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Knott Avenue on the extreme western border of the city will be shortened and narrowed, but your "secret" entrance to Home Depot using nearby Wall Avenue will only be slightly

affected by City Council actions this week.

In order to make way for the new Honda of El Cerrito dealership at San Pablo and Knott avenues and the McDonald's restaurant renovation at San Pablo and Wall avenues, the council unanimously approved street vacations in the area at Monday night's meeting.

The council approved vacating a portion of the northern side of Knott, 30 feet in width, from the northwest corner of Knott and San Pablo avenues and 248 feet west.

"This will reduce the width of the remaining portion of Knott Avenue to 60 feet," said Bruce King, maintenance and engineering services manager, in his report to the council.

"The city will also vacate the entire western end of Knott Avenue from the I-80 freeway on-ramp, 118 east to the northern entrance, to the former Smart & Final parking lot, and the entire width (94 feet) of the existing street," King said. Additionally, the city will vacate a 20-foot wide "pullout" on the west side of San Pablo Avenue near Knott.

The McDonald's project street vacation along Wall Avenue won't change the width of that street, but will result in a narrower sidewalk.

"The city right-of-way vacation along the north side of Wall Avenue involves a strip of land six feet wide from the Richmond city limit east towards San Pablo

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Albany's chief administrator Fremont-bound

By Clare Curley and
Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITERS

ALBANY — Already facing the possibility of four new council members when voting takes place in November, the city is looking at another change in leadership as its top administrator announced last week he is taking a new job in Fremont.

City Administrator Daren Fields, who has worked almost 13 years for Albany, will become Fremont's new manager of development and environmental services. It's a different twist from running a City Hall but a change he says he welcomes.

"Albany's a great community, it has a great council and a great city staff," Fields, 40, said Friday. "It's simply time for me to move on to other professional challenges."

The Berkeley resident plans to leave at the end of the month and start in Fremont soon after. His new position will include developing a major office park, complete with train station and public park, equal in itself to the size of Albany.

Fields, who was promoted from assistant city administrator, has held the city administrator post for five years. Before working for Albany, he was a legislative aide to former Assemblyman Tom Bates.

"I will be point person with Fremont for development (projects)," he said, adding that he expects to apply the operational, project management and capital skills he acquired during his five years as Albany's top administrator.

He said he received a small salary boost but is leaving because "it is time to move on to a larger organization and larger city." He noted that Fremont, with a population more than 208,000 compared to under 17,000 in Albany, has more employees and larger budget than Albany.

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High school's flooring choice questioned

Report concludes less-expensive vinyl meets health, safety needs

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Choosing the right floor covering is usually considered a decorating detail, but there were more aspects involved as vinyl tiles were reaffirmed this week as the flooring choice for the new Albany High School.

Health concerns over the possible toxicity of vinyl were raised when a facilities committee met last year to discuss floor options and other construction issues.

A report presented to the school board this week concluded there are no major concerns related to using vinyl over

linoleum.

"We recognize safety as a pivotal issue," schools Superintendent Gary Mills said during the discussion of the report.

Elizabeth Dubravac, an English teacher at the high school and one of the people pushing for other options, is not satisfied.

"Actually, my concerns have not been answered," she said after the meeting.

Dubravac was on the facilities committee that discussed construction of the new high school. Last year she started a petition for using linoleum tiles, which she believes last longer and contains healthier materials.

Linoleum would cost about \$115,000 more than vinyl to install.

"Eighty plus people on the faculty signed up in favor of linoleum."

In spite of the report, she said, "I want to see more data on durability issues, on the health issues and on adhesives and

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CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF

Working at ECHS

Crews have demolished and cleared the sites of three deteriorated portables on the El Cerrito High School campus in preparation for the installation of new portables funded by Measure E. Crews are scurrying to complete the project before the start of the new school year, which opens Aug. 28 at ECHS. Roofing crews are also at work on the school's north wing.

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Demolition date: Aug. 29

Demolition of the Northern half of El Cerrito Plaza, originally announced as starting on Aug. 22, has been pushed back to Aug. 29. Regency Realty, which owns most of the Plaza, has sent a notice to neighbors advising them that work on the Plaza has begun. "Every effort will be made to keep any other construction noise, dust, traffic and any other effects to a minimum," the notice states. Demolition of the old Emporium building is set for Aug. 29. The day will start with ceremonies at a 10 a.m. "demolition party" with a wrecking ball and display area for the public to see the new Plaza plans and construction schedule. Anyone with questions, concerns or comments about the project should contact Andrew Johnston at 925-935-5900.

Sierra Club meeting

The topic of the West Contra Costa County Sierra Club meeting for August is: "Green Waste and Other Great Ideas." The meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., in El Cerrito (across from the high school). In 1989 state legislation required each city to divert 50 percent of its solid waste from landfills by the end of 2000. How is West Contra Costa County doing? Nicole Angeli, waste prevention program manager of the

West Contra County Integrated Waste Management Authority, will tell discuss her agency's programs, including household hazardous waste, recycling and the recent program for picking up and composting yard waste.

Curbside additions

Curbside collection of mixed paper and magazines collection begins in El Cerrito on Sept. 5. This addition to the curbside recycling program is intended to help further reduce household waste sent to landfills. Details on the curbside recycling program will be mailed to homes this month. In the mean time, the city reminds residents that the El Cerrito Recycling Center accepts mixed paper and magazines year-round.

Restoring Cerrito Creek

A Cerrito Creek Work Party will be held Saturday, Aug. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon with Friends of 5 Creeks and Sustainable El Cerrito. Volunteers will continue to remove invasive ivy and blackberries from Cerrito Creek at the Ohlone Greenway. By late fall, workers will be ready to replant with native plants, install seating (possibly boulders) and a litter can. Support comes from a grant from the Strong Foundation for Environmental Values. Meet at the work site: Ohlone Greenway (pathway under BART) near the Albany border, just south of the El Cerrito Plaza

BART station. Easy access from southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza shopping center. Bring work gloves and weed removal tools if you have them.

Commuter ferry

Local riders of the Richmond-San Francisco ferry service note that the commute alternative is in danger of being cancelled and urge are fellow local commuters to become patrons of the service so that operators will consider continuing the route. They note the availability of secure, lighted parking and the chance to meet fellow passengers on a relaxing commute that comes complete with snack bars and tables. Bicycles are welcome. (Purchase tickets on board the boat). From the El Cerrito Plaza BART station, take Central Avenue to Interstate 580 West; Exit Harbor Way South; Turn Right on Cutting Blvd.; Turn Right on Harbor Way South to Ferry Terminal. Details: Red & White Fleet, 510-464-1030

Aquatic Club reunion

The Vallejo Aquatic Club is holding a reunion for all years and is seeking past members to notify about the event on Sept. 16 at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo. The event is from 10 a.m.-park closing time. Bring your own food, beverages and table service. Contact past coaches Gordon and Debbie Johnson, 925-691-4823 or johnsonst7@jps.net.

Woman, 52, killed in 3-car wreck

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — A 52-year-old El Cerrito woman died Aug. 4 in a three-vehicle accident on San Pablo Avenue, police said.

The woman, whose name was not released pending notification of relatives, was transported by ambulance to Doctors Hospital in San Pablo, where she was pronounced dead.

There were no other reported injuries during the 5:27 p.m. accident, police said.

The victim, who police said was not wearing a seat belt, was a passenger in a Ford Mustang traveling north on San Pablo Avenue during rush-hour traffic. She suffered fatal injuries when the Ford Mustang smashed into the rear of another vehicle, causing a chain reaction, police said.

■ On July 30 at 2:30 a.m., a 26-year-old Oakland man was allegedly found passed out behind the wheel of his car at a green light. According to police, his blood alcohol level was at .019 percent.

The next morning a 30-year-old man who was stopped at the intersection of Cutting Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue was found to be dri-

POLICE REPORTS

ving in bare feet, reportedly under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, and on a suspended license. He is now on probation.

Also, a police officer reported that a 40-year-old man who ran a light at the intersection of Cypress and San Pablo avenues the evening of July 28 was probably intoxicated, though the officer was not trained in administering field sobriety tests.

■ Sometime between July 21 and 24, the front window of a residence on the 1200 block of Scott Street was smashed, possibly with a rock, resulting in \$800 worth of damage.

■ Last month two rims were removed from a car after a garage door was forced open at a residence on the 900 block of Shoulin Avenue.

■ On July 23 the garage door of a residence on the 7070 block of Terrace Drive was vandalized with eggs and soy sauce.

■ On July 24 the driver's window of a Chevrolet Cavalier was shattered while it was parked near the intersection of Knott and San Pablo avenues.

■ A Datsun pickup allegedly was

stolen July 20 from the 1000 block of Street area.

■ A few blocks away earlier, a residence on the 1000 block of Liberty Street was damaged by a fire.

■ A 73-year-old woman was the victim of a burglary and theft of jewelry and cash. The woman was charged. Police did not identify the suspect.

■ A fight broke out between two teenage boys near the intersection of Moer Lane and the afternoon of July 28. The fight resulted in verbal taunting and a police report.

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■ The afternoon of a worker allegedly was injured while working on a business at 1751 Lombard Street. The worker was injured while trying to enter. Reporters said \$800.

Equipment stolen from construction

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the morning of Aug. 1 a resident on the 700 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves broke into his burgundy '87 Toyota Camry and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Aug. 1 a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his home, which was under construction, and stole various tools and electrical equipment. He reported observing a man about five feet eight inches tall with black wavy, bushy hair leaving the building and believes he was the thief. Police are investigating.

■ At about 11 a.m. on Aug. 1 Albany officers responded to the area of Masonic and Brighton avenues on reports of a man wearing a red sweatshirt who had "mooned" passersby. He was contacted, arrested, cited and released.

■ At about 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 a couple reported that their bikes had been stolen while they were parked in front of the Albany Cinemas. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Aug. 2 a business reported that their white '00 Ford truck had broken down and the driver had parked it inside a fence near Buchanan and Cleveland avenues. Thieves had thrown rocks through the windows and prowled the inside of the cab. The thieves then pried the lock from the attached trailer and prowled that interior also. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3:15 p.m. on Aug. 2 an Albany boy reported that while he and some friends were at the Taco Bell on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue he saw someone taking his GT dirt bike. He reported that when his friends ran outside and confronted the thief, the thief threatened the group then fled on the bike going south on San Pablo Avenue.

■ On the afternoon of Aug. 2 a resident on the 600 block of San Carlos Street reported that her license plates were missing from her black '00 Toyota Camry. She was not sure if this happened at home or somewhere else.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Aug. 4 officers observed a 17-year-old Berke-

ley boy on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue who appeared to be in the process of urinating in public. Officers contacted the subject and determined he was intoxicated. He was transported to his home, admonished regarding his behavior and left in the custody of his parent.

■ At about 4:45 a.m. on Aug. 5 officers observed a man in a silver '00 Chevrolet four-door parked near Monroe and San Pablo Avenues who appeared to be either asleep or passed out behind the wheel. The subject, a 34-year-old Oakland man, was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Aug. 5 the owner of a business on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals had used a permanent marker to deface the front and rear doors of the business. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 1 a.m. on Aug. 6 officers stopped a white '93 Toyota on I-80 near Buchanan Street for erratic driving. The driver, a 36-year-old San Francisco man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 6 a resident on the 700 block of Johnson Street reported that a man was on her front porch and "thumping" against her door and she was concerned. Officers contacted the 20-year-old Albany man and found him to be intoxicated. He was also found to have an outstanding warrant from the UC Police Department in the amount of \$2,000 for disorderly conduct. He was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

■ On the evening of Aug. 6 officers stopped an '85 Nissan pickup on the 800 block of Talbot Avenue for erratic driving. The driver, a 41-year-old Berkeley woman, was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving without a license and being in possession of alcohol. She was cited and released with a

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NEWEST CHAMBER OFFICER - Marge Collins has been named second vice president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Collins named second vice president

Local civic leader Marge Collins was the unanimous choice of fellow directors to fill the vacant post of second vice president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Collins takes over the office that has been vacant since Janet Jolley, former manager of El Cerrito Plaza, accepted a position as property manager with a firm in San Francisco.

Collins, active in the chamber since 1972, helped to form and served on the chamber's women's division.

Collins served eight years under the city administration in Piedmont before being elected to the El Cerrito City Council for two four-year terms. In addition to serving a term as mayor here, she worked as president of the KCRA Republican Club and the Kensington Area Republican

Women and was appointed to work with the state Criminal Justice Agency by former Gov. George Deukmejian.

She gained recognition as a local civic leader through years of effort in a wide variety of local organizations. In addition to participating in various singing groups, she is past president of such local organizations as the Arlington Women's Club, the American Business Women's Association, the Soroptimist Club, and Inner Wheel, which is associated with the Rotary Club.

Presently she is vice president of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre Board and a volunteer in the Alta Bates "Telecare" program.

A native of Pocatello, Idaho, Collins attended college for two years, majoring in music and Eng-

lish, before attending the Juilliard School of Music for a short time, leaving to accept a job as singer with Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians. Shortly thereafter, she married and took up duty as a housewife and mother.

In those early years before the death of her first husband, Collins mothered a family of nine children - four of her own and five who were adopted - and still found time to do volunteer work. She wanted to be an opera singer, but served as a teacher instead.

What followed was a 50-year career in business that ended in 1986 when she and her husband of 30 years, well-known local builder Marvin Collins, retired.

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CHARLES PICKENS shows Octavious Webster, 11, how to shift the gears before the mountain bike ride put on by the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay on Aug. 5 in Richmond. The program tries to get less privileged children out on mountain bike trips through the local regional parks.

GREGORY UROQUIAGA/STAFF

Tag-team effort affords children new experience

Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay, Berkeley Boosters offer inner-city youths chance at mountain biking

By Jenny Sit
STAFF WRITER

For a moment, they looked up at the steep canyon trail ahead with a little disbelief. Then pair by pair, the young mountain bikers and their experienced guides huffed, puffed and pedaled their way up the hill. "Can we take a break?" a child whined about half way up. "I'm tired," another said with a yawn. Guide Jose Sabas came riding to rescue. He showed the tired 13-year-old how to weave back and forth while climbing the hill to conserve energy. She took a stab. "How's that?" Sabas asked. "It doesn't work because I'm still tired," she replied with a quick flash of a smile while getting off her bike to rest. By the end of the ride Saturday, they were cycling like professionals at Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, under the guidance of volunteers from the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay.

Council of the East Bay, the eight-year-old Youth Bike Adventures — formerly known as Trips for Kids East Bay — works with local groups to bring inner-city children outdoors to experience regional parks on mountain bikes.

"The parks were built with kids in mind, but I never see them out here," said Kai Hennig, a longtime volunteer with the program. "There are more dogs than kids out here on the trails, and that concerns us."

The program takes about 10 children on mountain biking trips twice a month. Each biker has a personal volunteer guide, and the pairs go on rides along the Wildcat Creek trail at Wildcat Canyon Regional Park.

With the backing of local contributors, sponsors and grants, the program provides all the equipment — bike, helmet, gloves, and goggles — and the children get to keep their helmets. A big picnic lunch is provided after the ride.

"These kids, their parents pay taxes for these parks, we want them to know that this is their turf," said Maureen Farrell, another longtime volunteer. "These parks are in their own back yards, and they're here for them."

Many children don't know the parks are open to them, she said. "You mean, you don't have to come here with an adult?" asked 12-year-old Kihana, who seemed a little amazed. "Cool."

Finding an adult to hang out with may be hard for some of these children, said Tristan Flores, a volunteer

with the Berkeley Boosters, the police activities league that brought the children to Saturday's outing.

"A lot of them are from families where both parents work, or they're from families where it's a single-parent home," he said. "I grew up water rafting and rock climbing. It doesn't take much money to do, but it just takes someone to bring you out there."

The one-on-one interaction with adult volunteers is great for the children, said volunteer Jeff Edmonston, and the pairs really have time to bond.

"When you pay attention to them, they definitely enjoy it," he said. "They behave better, and they don't get as rowdy."

Eleven-year-old Glorius reveled in leading the pack with his guide, Bob Mammon. "He helped me out a lot," Glorius said. "He taught me that when you go downhill, don't press the front brakes too hard because you'll flip over."

Volunteer Cynthia Diaz, who was on her second ride with Youth Bike

Adventures, said she enjoyed being able to go beyond the bike talk and chatted with her ride-buddy about everything from school to her aspirations and college.

"I see myself in those kids because I was one of those kids," she said. "They're trying to figure out their paths. I try to encourage them."

Diaz said riding also helps children build self-esteem, and teaches them they can overcome challenges, even if the challenge is a big mountain.

"At first I was afraid, but then I got confident, so it was cool," said Diaz's ride-buddy, Deserae, 13, after the 10-mile ride was over. Although she's never ridden a bike off-road before, she enjoyed it — especially the downhill parts. "It's like you're rolling on a roller-coaster when you're going down."

El Cerrito NAACP honors nine with scholarships

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito NAACP Scholarship Committee honored its year 2000 scholarship and book grant award recipients at a reception last week.

Nine local high school graduates, planning to attend UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, the University of Southern California, the University of San Francisco, Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio and other universities received scholarship awards.

Four continuing college students received book grant awards from the committee. These continuing college students are attending Yale University, Fisk University, San Francisco State University and UC-Berkeley.

"This year we have some very outstanding people," said Edmund B. Bussey, a member of the El Cerrito NAACP Scholarship Committee. "They have very good scholastic ratings. We are very proud of the students — they are high achievers."

The scholarship committee makes application forms available to West County high school seniors who plan to enroll in a four-year college or uni-

versity.

"The need for education is especially great among African-American, Hispanic-American and Native American students who often are underrepresented in colleges and universities," Bussey said.

The scholarship money comes from fund raising efforts and donations by individuals and organizations.

The year 2000 El Cerrito NAACP scholarship recipients, and their prospective colleges are:

Sha Kira N. Evans, UC-Berkeley; Marisha Gabrysiak, USC; Maya Jones, UC-Berkeley; Lorena E. Norman, UC-Davis; Evelyn N. Nwansi, UC-Davis; Agnes Nnenaya Jite Ogbuehi, UC-Davis; Reggie Patterson, Oberlin Conservatory; Maheshwara Rao, UC-Berkeley and Brigitte S. Warren, USC.

The year 2000 book grant award recipients, and the college they are attending are:

Shaundra Cordier, Yale University; Monique S. Dildy, Fisk University; Takyenya B. Spears, San Francisco State University and Herman M. Turner, UC-Berkeley.

NEWS BRIEFS

Design review session on Plaza project Phase I

EL CERRITO — A public hearing on design review of building elevations and other details of Phase I of the El Cerrito Plaza Revitalization Project will be held by the Design Review Board on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Conference Room A at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. The conceptual building plans for the project were previously approved by the board at hearings last year.

Anyone wishing to give opinions can attend the hearing or send written comments to the Design Review Board, in care of the Planning Division, City of El Cerrito, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530, prior to the hearing.

Appeals of the board's decision at the hearing may be filed within five

working days after the hearing's close.

El Cerrito High setting up e-mail forum

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito High School PTSA is working to improve communication between home and school by an e-mail communication forum for parents, faculty and the administration this coming school year.

On a weekly basis, those signed up will receive the high school's Weekly Bulletin. This bulletin, posted in each classroom, has information about that week's schedule of sporting events, minimum days, testing days, etc.

On a monthly basis, the forum will distribute the Junior-Senior Bul-

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Bridging the gap

I'm on my way to meet my friend Nancy for lunch.

This is the third time we've met at the same restaurant. It's in Point Richmond where neither of us live. But it's "our" restaurant, not because of the good food or the warm atmosphere or the friendly staff although coincidentally it has all that. Nancy picked out of the phonebook to save our friendship and even before we ever set foot in the door we anointed it as "our" restaurant. It has one thing that every other place we've been to doesn't — geographic neutrality. It's halfway between Nancy's house in San Anselmo and my house in the Piedmont part of Montclair.

With such busy lives, it's hard to maintain even the best of friendships. And when there's a bridge in the way, well that can mean the end.

In fact until we stumbled on Hidden City Restaurant the aggravation of negotiating the details of where to meet almost ended our friendship. Without lunch, we had nothing — no shared history, no common schools, no overlapping employment. We've never even lived in the same city. Even now there are no pieces of our daily lives that intersect.

But over a table of food our souls intersect, which was enough so that every month or two we would steel ourselves and begin the where-should-we-eat waltz.

We'd start with a date. That was easy. Then we'd both start promoting restaurants on our own side of the bay. Neither of us wanted to cross the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge but we were too polite to just come out and say so.

"There's a great restaurant on Fourth Street," I'd say. "The food is wonderful, very unusual, and we can sit and talk as long as we want. And," then I'd go in for the kill, "it's right off the freeway."

Nancy would say it sounded good but she knew of a better place in San Rafael that not only had all those qualities but it had a décor that, well I'd have to see it to believe it. We'd go back and forth like that for awhile, check our schedules, see who was better able to spare the 50 minutes it would take to make the round trip, and then decide not to decide. The day before our date we'd start all over again until one of us reluctantly agreed to drive



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to the other side of the bay. Whoever territory the restaurant was in would give the other directions. This was always a risky proposition since I've gotten lost walking around the block and Nancy gets her left and right confused. So to be safe, we'd exchange cell phone numbers.

This never worked. Women of a certain age can not be counted on to (a) remember to bring her cell phone (b) remember to turn it on or (c) remember to bring the other's number with her. One time I drove around in circles in San Rafael, slavishly following Nancy's directions and cursing myself for leaving Nancy's cell phone number at home, on a post-it and stuck to my computer monitor.

The first time I went to Hidden City I made a wrong turn and spent 20 minutes wandering around the industrial area of Richmond. I called Nancy but the cellular customer I was trying to reach had either traveled outside of the service area or was unavailable. So I called the restaurant and explained my dilemma. They turned me over to the cook who patiently talked me back to civilization while a waitress told Nancy I would be late.

But now I've got it down. I've got explicit directions, with every nuance, every wrong turn I could make taken into account. They're typed out along with Nancy's cell phone number, the phone number of the restaurant and its address. That piece of paper never leaves my car. It's my link to Nancy.

This time I find the restaurant without any trouble. I walk in, look around and don't see Nancy. While I'm debating whether I should run out to my car and get my cell phone another woman walks in, someone who lives near me.

"What are you doing here?" I ask.

"I'm meeting a friend for lunch," she says.

"I'll bet she lives in Marin," I say.

Chamber

FROM PAGE A2

New members

Two more area firms - Bay Area Office Furniture and Premier Graphics - are the newest businesses to become chamber members.

Bay Area Office Furniture, at 160 23rd St. in Richmond, is owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team of Walt and Casey Gillespie and specializes in the sale of new and used office furniture. The 30,000-square-foot operation, which includes a recently opened, new 5,000-square-foot showroom, features the largest inventory of used office furniture in the Bay Area.

Premier Graphics is represented in the chamber by John Stashik, an El Cerrito resident for more than 25 years and owner of the small business for the past three years. Premier specializes in quality typography and layout for printing, supplying type and graphics for newsletters, sales sheets, brochures and stationery, and a wide variety of other graphic applications.

More detailed information may be obtained from Premier Graphics by calling (510) 235-2195.

Reinvestments

The chamber thanks the following firms for reinvesting for another year: Music Works, 11225 San Pablo Ave., McPhee's Junior Bootery, 350 El Cerrito Plaza; California Federal Bank, 280 El Cerrito Plaza; and Maru-O Sushi Restaurant, 7516 Fairmount Ave.

Manager Sewall Ginternick urges all members who have not already done so to send in their check as soon as possible.

Board gets final member

The chamber's long campaign for establishment of an economic development program here drew one step closer to success recently with the appointment of the seventh and final member of the newly created Economic Development Board.

Selected by the City Council to fill out the group, which is expected to spearhead economic development here, was Denise Navellier, a patient care manager at Alta Bates Medical Center. Navellier, who manages a \$7.5 mil-

lion budget and 100 to 120 staff members for the hospital, recently served as co-chairman of the city's General Plan Process Team, charged with assuring community participation in the revising of El Cerrito's General Plan.

Navellier joins six others - including four chamber members - on the Economic Development Board. They include chamber President Michael Klingler, chamber Director Robert Winslow, tax service executive Ahmed Tolou-Shams and the chamber's newest associate member, Joseph Grossman.

Also on the board are former chamber manager and president and former councilman and mayor Ken Berndt, as well as real estate developer Christopher Todd Reitz.

El Cerrito Mayor Mark Friedman has said the board will meet soon to select a chairman, discuss development of a job description and selection process for seeking out an economic development director, and decide what projects need to be implemented first.

Offered free trip

Chamber members and leadership

program participants will be offered the chance to attend the Rotary International Group Study Exchange program, which is going on a free trip to Thailand early next year.

The team, made up of professional people with a variety of backgrounds, will stay with local Thai families, visit local Thai businesses, and attend social events, area town meetings and Rotary club meetings.

Candidates for the program will be selected from a list of personal persons between 25 and 45 years of age who are financially stable, energetic, and interested in meeting people of different cultural backgrounds. The exchange program will be by the Rotary International, with the exception of cost and personal expenses.

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A chance to look to the past and the future

By Richard Register
PRESIDENT, ECO-CITY BUILDERS

The solution to the parking lot vs. Shellmound controversy at the ignominious if utilitarian Spenger's parking lot in Berkeley is a liquid called EDO that flows under the south edge of the asphalt. It's also known as Strawberry Creek. What its presence there hints is that we can make a park with a short loop of the creek brought back from its underground grave next to graves of the Native Americans also buried there, starting about 5,700 years ago.

They are the ones who built a remarkable ancient structure of shells and their own bodies, growing slowly over thousands of years. Once they sat looking out over the magnificent rich tapestry of the marshes to the south, clean beach to the south, through the ocean beyond the bay, through the gap of the Golden Gate.

There on their shellmound, hovering over the land and waters, the Ohlone contemplated this world under a swirling cloud of birds, surrounded by tule elk, prong horn antelope, grizzly bear, sturgeon, salmon, thousands of tons of shrimp and sardines, whales, scurrying crabs on the beach, mice in the pickle weed, hawks and condors above — the place was filled with life.

And just to one side, the mouth of Strawberry Creek joining the Bay. The creek is under ground now just south of the parking lot or under its edge; a loop of it swinging to the north and back, something like the loops and curves that were there before the shellmound long ago.

As we scoop down to create a canyon for the creek, scoop up the material to lovingly recreate a small version of the shellmound as part of the park. True, the big shellmound of the past was mostly carted away for street substrate and paved over for cars and the remainder paved over for Spenger's customers' cars. But this is the actual real material there, the human bones and all.

With participation of descendants of the Ohlone who created the mound, earth, shells and bones should be treated with reverence in the relating, as bones in any cherished graveyard might be moved if disturbed by, say, a flood, a flood of asphalt in this case. We need a lot of imagination there — a big plaque, small ones — and as much of the actual as can possibly be reconstructed, along with the actual creek.

Why not a diorama of the way it once looked: mound, beach, creek to its mouth, bay, gate, plants and animals, people, everything, right there in Spenger's entry? — good for business too.

Parking? Frontage road is long and

wide enough to replace Spenger's lot just two blocks (the short direction) to the west. What are people's legs for? This flabby society needs exercise and if the park were there, hoofing it from parking to Fourth Street would be a pleasant walk. Bike don't drive to Bette's for breakfast.

We don't need to invite in any more cars and Fourth Street is doing just fine with as many as it has. It's already straying over the edge from cozy commercial into a cross between an everyday mall and a caricature of itself; it doesn't need to stray farther that way. Whatever it is, Fourth Street would be enhanced by Shellmound Park and the short stretch of creek.

Then again, instead of lots of parking to lure people off the freeway and encourage burning that gas, why not more housing and a slow shift in businesses toward more close-in services? Create homes for the future customers instead of slabs for their cars.

And why should it be a short stretch of creek? Instead, link up this city with natural and human transportation, meaning water power and human power. It's time to start thinking of opening Strawberry Creek not just through downtown, subject of last year's study by Gary Mason Associates, Landscape Architects, but all the way to the Bay, subject of this year's study by Ecocity Builders and architecture intern from Rice University, Kirsten Kinzer.

True, the Interstate 80 freeway is a gigantic impediment far into the future but strategies can be devised to open Strawberry Creek all the way to the future Shellmound Park and from the freeway to a caringly reshaped mouth on the Bay. Build a foot and bicycle path along it on one side of the creek only, leaving the other to native plants and the animals they attract. These will be numerous as I know from my experience with creek restoration on Codornices Creek a few blocks north.

Connect this Strawberry Creek Greenway with the Ohlone Greenway coming in from the north and in another few years south through Oakland. The Bay Trail is being built as we mull over all this — connect up with that, too — all human power, lots of fun, tied in with the natural environments of the bay shore and Strawberry Creek, and the archeological values of our shellmound.

The final connection from west to east: create a streetcar system down University Avenue and let people come from the heart of the city, enhanced with considerably more housing than we have now, down to West Berkeley and, yes, even to Fourth Street — without their cars.

Let's look to the past and future and really figure out where we're going.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unprofessional behavior

I am writing regarding an incident that occurred this morning with an El Cerrito police officer.

My father-in-law is an immigrant to this country who lost everything when his country underwent a revolution.

In trying to rebuild his life and support his family, he works seven days a week at the age of 67. Late last night, outside his home, his older-model car broke down.

I went with my two small children and we tried to start the car, but without success. We were unable to push it into the driveway that has a steep slope and left it parked facing the wrong direction next to the curb.

This morning he walked two miles to work rather than wake us up. Afterward an El Cerrito police officer ticketed his car for being parked in the wrong direction. My sister-in-law explained to the officer what had happened. Rather than being helpful, the officer threatened, "If you leave this car here, I'll ticket it again tomorrow, and the next day and then I'll have it towed." We had no intention of leaving the car there. They had it towed to a repair shop.

This kind of behavior on the part of a police officer creates many serious problems in this society. Many people, especially immigrants who believe that officers are racist, fear police officers. People in our society should feel reassured when they see officers, knowing this is someone who will help them, not hurt them. Officers should not be spiteful or rude. This unprofessional behavior encourages fears of racism in the police force and helps to keep immigrants and others isolated and vulnerable.

Elizabeth Gannaway, M.D.

Highway 24 toll lanes a foolish idea

A proposal for toll lanes on Highway 24 is atrocious and should be promptly run off the road.

For starters, there is the basic unfairness of providing such "Lexus Lanes" in which wealthy people are invited to buy their way out of congestion. We should grant access to diamond lanes as a reward for environmentally friendly behavior — such as carpooling — not ability to pay.

The required electronic toll-collection equipment can be highly problematic. As the Times reported on July 14, its implementation on state bridges is running years behind schedule.

State law allows toll roads to be developed only by private corporations — and such privatization has been a disaster in Southern California. Where private toll lanes were added to the Riverside Freeway (Highway 91), collisions increased by as much as 124 percent because of merging conflicts.

When Caltrans tried to solve the problem

by adding more "free" lanes, the toll-lane operator sued the state for \$100 million — claiming unfair competition — and won a settlement blocking these needed safety improvements for six years.

The toll-lane operator, which is financially failing, also nearly pressured Caltrans into subsidizing the firm's restructuring by issuing tax-exempt state bonds. That deal would have brought the firm some \$60 to \$90 million in profits, while giving taxpayers no benefit.

Finally, even if all the above problems were solved, toll lanes would still offer government little net revenue. Affluent "Lexus Lane" users have good accountants: Whatever these motorists paid in tolls, they would simply deduct from their income or corporation taxes.

So toll lanes subsidize private profit and unearned private convenience, at the expense of the public good. There is no reason for Northern Californians to go down this foolish road.

Michael Katz
Berkeley

Protest Scouts' policy

Many members and friends of Northminster Presbyterian Church in El Cerrito are protesting the Boy Scouts of America's policy of excluding gays from their membership and leadership.

This exclusion seems based on a narrow and intolerant interpretation of what it means to lead a "morally straight" and "clean" life, a central value in the Scout code.

Northminster is a More Light Presbyterian church. That is, we are part of a network of Presbyterian churches working within the church structure to advocate for the full inclusion and rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people as members and ordained leaders. We also advocate for the rights of these people in society to be free of discrimination and to enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of our country.

We urge the Boy Scouts of America to reconsider its position regarding membership and leadership of gay people. Until such a change occurs, we shall continue to be critical of its intolerant views and advocate the withholding of support from the Boy Scouts of America.

William Noel
Berkeley

Noel is an elder at Northminster Presbyterian Church. This letter was also signed by 24 others who attend the church.

Address problems now

As a retired educator, I'm concerned that many of our schools are literally falling apart and our students can't fit into their classrooms.

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Marjorie Bowman
El Cerrito

Defeat initiative

As a public school teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, I am extremely concerned about the school-voucher initiative to be voted upon this November.

Silicon Valley billionaire Tim Draper sells his private-voucher schools initiative on the basis that it will give parents a choice beyond the public schools. It provides an annual \$4,000 voucher, funded by public tax dollars, to students currently enrolled in a private school, and \$4,000 to every public-school student who leaves a public school to attend a private or sectarian school.

What he doesn't say is that his voucher schools would be unregulated and without public accountability.

As long as they operate with private funds, private schools have every right to run their business free from government oversight. But when they accept public dollars, taxpayers should have a choice, too.

Taxpayers should have the choice and the right to know how their taxes are being spent. Draper's initiative denies them that choice by keeping the books and records of voucher schools secret. We're talking about \$3 billion here! That may be chump change to a billionaire such as Draper, but it's money the state of California cannot afford.

Let's defeat the school-voucher initiative in November.

Yvonne Devine
El Cerrito

Lip service to real issues

By Peter Loubal

Three letters in the Aug. 4 Journal dealt with the same topic. Ironically, all confirm Rosemary Loubal's claim that the El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC) can be a serious force for change, serving the interests of the construction industry, which then supports the assumed political candidates who then move projects and subsidies.

Club president Carlton Whitehead says the ECDC awaits supervisor elections to its subcommittee report before it takes a position on the Plaza BART parking garage vs. shuttle bus controversy. In other words, ECDC has never received its "marching orders." The many factors that led to the City Council's unanimous call for the shuttle bus seem not enough for ECDC to wake up its own mind, yet it pays lip service to public transit at any and every opportunity, especially when the real is at stake.

Sustainable El Cerrito's Lori Dain't even mention the Central Labor Union in Martinez and jokes that she gets to financial issues by going up to an ATM. In fact, "Sustainable El Cerrito" acts as a would-be kingmaker, with creek clean-up as a side show. They claim to be pro-environment, but don't even try to exert their silence on the bus issue. The net effect of all the manipula-

tion by Sustainable/ECDC nabobs was that labor and big-name Democrats helped elect Janet Abelson to the City Council. Now El Cerrito, where Democrats outnumber Republicans four to one, has a Republican majority council! Even more ironic is that Janet Abelson, elected mainly through labor and Democratic support, was a Bush delegate at the National Republican Convention.

Meanwhile, we have Gioia's subcommittee report, and as expected it manipulates facts and juggles figures to come out in favor of pouring concrete rather than using available funds to effectively cope with congestion.

The third letter, from Anne Whitehead says Rosemary Loubal's charge would entail "unlikely conspiracy acrobatics." Yes, the political manipulation by Sustainable and the ECDC old-timers is an amazing juggling act. The most recent and endearing performance was by Janet Abelson, who said she had no idea how she got to be a Convention delegate. Good for you Janet, so glad you did not inhale!

Notably, Carlton Whitehead is exceptional in the ECDC leadership in that he encourages democratic discussion and seems motivated by the desire to hold the club together. Let's hope he succeeds.

Peter Loubal is an El Cerrito Democratic Club member.

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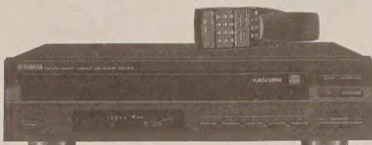
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Beyond your factory deck... a great way to step up from your cassette receiver to CD sound, this deck features 40 watts x 4 peak power Super III with 24 station memory. DEH1100

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This receiver was born to be loud, with Bass Engine™, MaxTune tuner, 40 watts x 4 high power amplifier and regulated 1-bit digital to analog conversion. Features multi-color display, BBE processor, and 1 pre-out. The detachable face deters theft. CDM7854

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Sony Mobile ES
Car ES CD Receiver
with Fold-down Detachable Face

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Backed by Sony's ES exclusive "Triple X Program" this "Mobile ES" receiver delivers premium sound with 45 watts x 4 power. It also has CD/MD changer control, fold-down detachable face, wireless compact remote, and dual 4-volt pre-amp outputs that minimize distortion when used with an external amp. CDXC5050X

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CD Receiver with D-Mask
Rotating Detachable Faceplate

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This CD receiver has built-in equalizer 45 watts x 4 programmable security code system. Also features a D Mask rotating removable faceplate with carrying case. KDCS155

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Panasonic
Fold Down Detachable Face Car CD Player
With Super Bright Multi Color Display

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Get better sound with 45 watts x 4 MOSFET high-power amp, dual 4-volt preouts plus a non-fading 4V high voltage subwoofer-out, super high definition bass, 12-track direct access, track scan, search and random play. Wireless remote. CQDF600U



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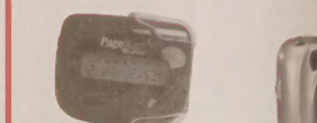
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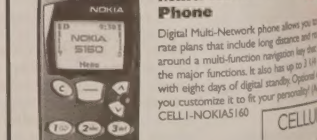
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U.S. society inching slowly away from the norms of 1960

As you know, I've been a political junkie and an American history buff since I was a kid. It started at the age of 7, when my parents gave me a book titled "My First Book of Presidents."

I read about Washington and Lincoln and FDR, and I was enthralled. I promptly marched into my parents' room and announced, "I'm going to be President when I grow up!"

My parents looked at each other. Then my mother sadly said, "I'm sorry, Martin, but you can't. Jews can't be President."

That's when I found out that America isn't perfect. It's also when I found out that I was a second-class citizen. I think it's one of the reasons why I was so drawn to Jack Kennedy when he ran in 1960: Watching him break the anti-Catholic taboo gave me a vicarious thrill.

But I never, never dreamed I'd see a Jew nominated on a major party ticket. After all, there are a whole lot more Catholics than Jews. After all, there are a whole lot more Catholics than Jews. And they weren't accused of killing Christ (Which is an awfully heavy burden for a 7-year-old kid to labor under, believe me.)

But all that changed on Tuesday when Al Gore tapped Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut to be his Veep. I've been *kveling* (bursting with pride) ever since — not just for my fellow Jews, but also for America.

I have a friend who keeps asking me why I still have what she calls my "naive faith" in this country when we still see so many injustices around us.

My only answer is that America



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

is a work in progress — what historian Gwynne Dwyer called "the struggle for democracy." Every time we expand the tent, the struggle advances another step. I'd like to think that I'd be just as excited if the Republicans had nominated Colin Powell or Christie Whitman.

In 1960, Catholics were finally let inside. In 1984, it was women. Today, it's Jews. Tomorrow, who knows? Blacks? Latinos? Asians? Only in America.

Will these shocking revelations never cease? First, Mr. Tinky-Winky, the purple TeleTubby, was outed by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who deduced that Mr. Tinky-Winky is gay because he has a triangle (a symbol of gay pride) on his head and carries a purse.

Now get ready for another shocker: I think Kermit the Frog is gay, too.

Here's how I figure it. The athletic director at the University of Hawaii, Hugh Yoshida, has changed the nickname of the school's football team from the Rainbow Warriors to just plain "Warriors." His reason: "Rainbow" somehow implies gayness.

Says he: "That logo really put a stigma on our program in regards to its part of the gay community, their flags and so forth."

Now, Mr. Yoshida is the athletic director of a major university, with the hearts and minds of thousands

of young people entrusted to his care. So he *must* be right (despite his mangled syntax).

So, following his reasoning, anything with "rainbow" in it must be gay. And what was one of Kermit's biggest hit songs? "The Rainbow Connection!"

Now we know why he's been resisting Miss Piggy's advances all these years. Not to mention the suspicious relationship between Bert and Ernie.

And let's not stop with frogs. Does Jesse Jackson, head of the Rainbow Coalition, know about this? And what about the U.S. Army's famous Rainbow Division, which won all those medals during World Wars I and II?

Once you start hunting for homosexuals under every bed — or in every closet — it's hard to know where to stop. The witch hunt could even come back to bite Mr. Yoshida. After all, the guy he hired to be his football coach is named June Jones.

Obviously, I'm having fun with this story. But it got me to thinking about the real sexism on "Sesame Street," and it has nothing to do with homosexuality.

Have you ever noticed that all the main Muppets are male? Kermit, Big Bird, Oscar, Bert, Ernie, Cookie Monster — not a female among them, except for a minor character named Zoe. The only major female Muppet I can think of is Miss Piggy, but she's not on "Sesame Street." (And with her vanity and self-absorption, she's also the only Muppet who is an object of ridicule.)

The same is true with "Thomas the Tank Engine." Every one of the

locomotives is a boy.

Yes, there are a few female role models in stories for older children — most notably, Charlotte the spider, the heroine of "Charlotte's Web." But when you look at stories for kids at the most impressionable age — birth to 3 years old — the only female character you'll find is "The Little Engine That Could."

You don't have to be a child psychologist to realize that this is a terrible thing to do to little girls. It's so bad, some mothers I know deliberately change some of the "he's" to "she's" when they're reading to their daughters, so the kids won't get completely demoralized before they start.

I'm not saying we should ban "Sesame Street." But it sure could use some re-paving.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is coming to the Oakland Arena next week. And, predictably, I've been getting mail from animal rights activists who say that the animal acts are barbaric and cruel.

They point to the whips that the lion tamers use, or the bullhooks — sharp, hooked metal tools used to poke and jab sensitive spots — used to keep the elephants in line. They also have lots of stories of individual suffering, such as one about Kenny, a baby elephant who was forced to perform in two shows and appear in a third on the same day, even though he was ill. After the third show, Kenny quietly lay down and died.

Now, everyone knows I'm an animal lover. But I'm also a serious journalist, not a mouthpiece for anyone, no matter what the cause. So I did what any reporter would

do: I called the folks at Ringling Bros. and said, "Hey, I'm getting a lot of material from the animal rights people. Why don't you send me some stuff on the other side?"

Every person I talked with at Ringling Bros. (and its parent company, Feld Entertainment) couldn't have been nicer. They appreciated my taking the effort to get their side of the story. And they certainly don't think they're doing anything wrong.

The next day, a Fed Ex envelope appeared on my front step. Inside was a thick packet from Ringling Bros. titled "Caring For Animals At The Greatest Show On Earth."

Half the articles were "Fun Facts About Asian Elephants!" — stuff like "More than 18 tons of hay are used for food for elephants, camels, llamas and horses, as well as bedding for all animals!" and "425 whole loaves of bread are consumed by the elephants as a between-meal treat" — which, while interesting and even amusing, don't really address the issue.

But the other articles were position papers, with titles like "Animals Don't Have Rights" and "Circus Nuts" (about animal rights groups).

My heart sank. It was obvious: These folks at Ringling Bros. may be nice, but they just don't get it.

The fact is, it doesn't matter how well you treat these animals. It's a simple question of genetics: Unlike domestic animals like cats and dogs, who had all their wild genes bred out of them tens of thousands of years ago, wild animals are just that — wild.

Circus animals may be fed regularly. They may have regular veterinary care. But every atom, every molecule in their bodies is still

screaming, "Help! I'm in pain!"

They are caught and forced to work hours in boxes with no room to move alone run.

And by its very nature, life is unnatural. The baby elephants stay with their mothers for 15 years.

Don't get me wrong — the clowns, and I will be at the trapeze artists. The Greatest Show on Earth is truly great until it's an animal act.

Until then, I think the Pickle Family Circus, under the direction of the late Ringling Bros. provide plenty of entertainment without animal acts.

A hundred years ago, it was common for circus acts to be sideshows, where circus people could make fun of people with birth defects. But that's not new century, our society is changing again. And I think animal acts can survive the scrutiny.

As Alice Walker wrote in her own reasons. They were made for humans any more than people were made for women for men.

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Hospital, union negotiate; worker vote set

By Joaquin McPeck

STAFF WRITER

Discussions in the dispute between Bay Area hospitals and a labor union will likely pick up again next week when an election is held at Alta Bates Medical Center to decide if a number of hospital positions will become represented by health worker's union SEIU Local 250.

Depending on the results of the Aug. 15 and 16 election, many may be forced to become Local 250 members, according to "Hospital Employees Against Representation," an independent effort opposing mandatory assimilation into Service Employees International Union Local 250.

The local has filed unfair labor practices against hospital management for what it contends legally violate its efforts to organize a union at Alta Bates in Berkeley and Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

Local 250 makes the following claims:

■ Management is illegally threatening loss of benefits if employees join Local 250

■ Management is illegally discriminating against employees exercising their right to organize.

■ Management is conducting illegal surveillance of employees.

■ Management is illegally interfering with a fair election environment.

The specific charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board, which will investigate the charges. Local 250 has requested the postponing the unionization vote until NLRB findings are reached.

Local 250 recently handed out cards soliciting signatures of those who showed interest in joining the union, according to Cheryl Byers, a member of Hospital Employees Against Representation.

"I think the union misconstrued people's interest for people who really wanted to join the union, that wasn't the case," said Byers.

Byers claims Local 250 is trying

to absorb more than 400 employees into its ranks in the upcoming election.

In response to unfair labor practices, Byers is unsure as to what Local 250 is using to document these points, but has seen some (union) retaliation against Alta Bates employees.

"I have seen picketers yelling and spitting on people who have crossed the lines, although a majority of the (picketers) were not Alta Bates employees," she said, adding that her claim could likely be verified by tapes from security cameras in and around the hospital.

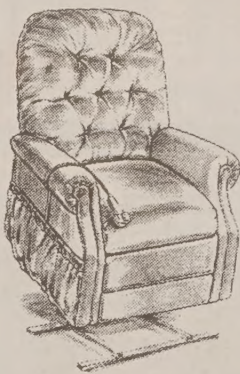
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Summer visitors coming to the Warden household

Don Warden often has a great deal of company during the summer, and this year is no exception. And the company he keeps is so interesting that we had to share it with you.

This week Warden is entertaining his grandson, Gilles Revel, and Gilles' wife, Delphine. Gilles is in the French Air Force, where he flies a Mirage as a fighter pilot. Gilles has been here to visit his grandfather before, and knows the area fairly well, Warden says. "So I will give him the car and let him show Delphine around."

Warden showed me a picture of his very handsome grandson in uniform, together with one of Gilles' younger brother, Philippe in his uniform from St. Cyr, the army training school. Philippe, however, did not remain in the military, but teaches mathematics on the island of Hao Tuanoti Archipelago (the nearest town to the island is in Tahiti). The

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

siblings have a younger half brother, Julien, who is still in school.

While Gilles and Delphine are still here Warden's other guest will arrive. This is Comte Colonna Ciccardi, Prince de Viscorato (I may have misspelled that). If Colonna sounds familiar to you, it is because the Colonna family are the founders of Rome. The prince is from the French branch of the family, which also has branches in Spain and Italy. The prince, who is familiarly known as Jean Marie Colonna, and has homes in Tahiti, Bangkok and Paris, will probably have to sleep on the sofa the first night because Gilles and Delphine have the guest room.

Gilles and Delphine were married a year ago in the Basque country of France. "French weddings are too

much for me," Don says. "They go on all night. I go to bed at midnight." He knows. He has been to many of them in the last few years. In fact, he is invited to another soon, which he may miss.

Warden's wife was a French woman born in Tahiti, and that is where he met her. He was part of the crew on a boat which was owned by Bob Frazer, the former owner of the El Cerrito Plaza. She had two children, so the grandchildren he loves so much and is so close to are actually step grandchildren, but that is only incidental information, for to him they are his grandchildren. He spoke a little of the wife he obviously loved and admired. She was a wonderful story teller, he remembered.

He married rather late in life, because, as the youngest of three boys, he cared for his mother. He married the year after she died.

Don Warden is a fourth generation Californian. His great great

grandfather on one side came here, while on the other side his great grandfather came here in 1850. The family settled in Potter Valley, in Mendocino County, and "the whole family is buried there." He smiles as he remembers that his great grandfather, who helped to settle Potter Valley originally, was a teetotaler. Now the area is full of grape vines.

And that reminds him of the fact that his wife loved champagne, and taught him to, also. In fact, he says, "There is a bottle cooling in my home now, for Gilles' and Delphine's arrival tonight."

Warden says he didn't really use his college training, because he was too fond of boats and airplanes. "I lived boats," he says. He was in the Navy and even tried one year in the Merchant Marines. He only worked because he had to. He was employed in the assessor's office for most of his working life. And, of course, it was because of boats that he met the

woman who became his wife and changed his life.

Now his great interest is in genealogy. He has discovered that members of his family were among the first settlers in Kentucky, and the first in Illinois, North Carolina and California. He had ancestors on the Mayflower, he adds.

Of course, Warden has visited Europe often and he loves it. "But not in the summer time." And then he smiles as he remembers that he has been to so many weddings there, and "always in the summer."

Don Warden thought it would be fun for his grandson and the prince to see their names in the local paper,

but thought I would be a graph about them. I thought the whole thing was a graph. It was fun to write.

I was delighted when you called me about the story. As I have said, enjoyed it. And, as usual, I do the same. Glad you mentioned interesting people. Please write to me at St. #443, Albany, CA 95725-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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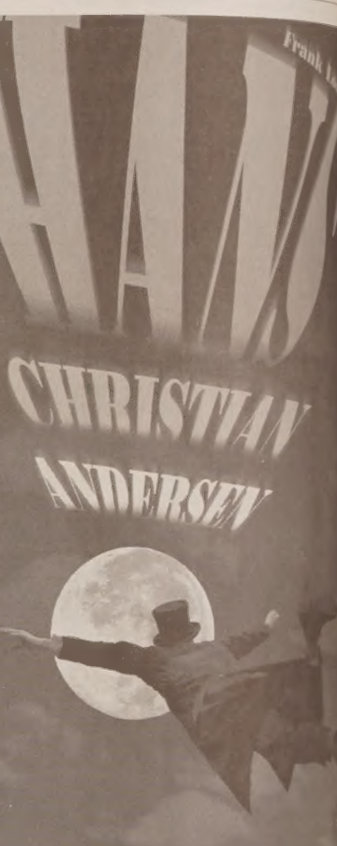
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Hospital

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Last week, more than 3,500 health care workers from the Bay Area counties went on a two-day strike in response to hospital management's inability to provide a stable and experienced workforce for patient care.

Some members of hospital staff feel that this is nothing more than

an attempt to increase the local's membership, which already consists of close to 4,000 members.

"They're not interested in us. They're looking for a body count and it's really a power trip," said Byers.

Local 250 has insisted that the Sutter Health chain, which now controls both Alta Bates and Summit Medical Center in Oakland, is continuing to put profits before patients.

"The hospitals refusal...to improve patient care is a direct result of ex-

ecutives' decisions to prioritize profit...over patient-care improvements," said Local 250 officials.

Bargaining toward a settlement will continue, with meetings scheduled on the same days as the unionization elections, according to Local 250 Representative Fred Seavey.

Alta Bates saw the effects of the walkout on July 6, seeing many of its patients transferred to other local hospitals as a result of the lack in staffing levels.

Things went more smoothly during the two-day strike, as many nurses chose not to support the strike when they found out what was on the bargaining table, according to an Alta Bates spokeswoman.

"I was heartened to see employees doing what they were supposed to be doing. Nobody wins in a strike, and the patients deserve the care that they seek," spokeswoman Carolyn Kemp said.

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High school

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other materials." MEICA Consulting's Michael Noel, a certified hygienist and toxicologist, said that the effects of putting vinyl tiles in Albany High School, he said, "We made that decision many weeks ago."

Had the report suggested any danger, the board would have reconsidered, he said.

Mills says any remaining question was resolved by the report and doesn't expect it to come up again.

"The decision rendered by the board was that we're going to go with the recommendation by the facilities committee, which was to put vinyl tiles in place at the high school," he said. "We made that decision many weeks ago."

Had the report suggested any danger, the board would have reconsidered, he said.

High school construction timetable

Flooring is one of thousands of details around the construction of the new high school.

The project, originally slated for completion by May of 2001, will probably be finished by mid-June, the district says, and should be ready for use by fall.

The fact that workers are dealing with a three-floor structure, as opposed to the two-story middle school construction, accounts for the additional time being spent on it, Skinner said.

A facilities update report stated that all of the planned work for July for the high school was accomplished, including the erection of roof beams, pouring of concrete at the second and third levels, and a concrete infill on the ground floor.

The report noted, however, that there have been delays in modernization at the high school as well as Cornell School.

The high school report stated,

"The contractor has fallen behind in this area of work due to the metal framing contractor not being able to man the job. We have sent the contractor a notice of our concern over the lack of progress ... The contractor has now been able to get his framing sub(contractor) and some of the other critical (sub)contractors to commit to working longer hours and on Saturdays until they catch up on their work."

The balance of the gymnasium steel, as well as the pouring of concrete at the second floor gymnasium, should be erected this month.

"It's not a horrible mess in the scheme of things," said Skinner, who noted similar delays in work at Ocean View School.

As for Cornell modernization, the report stated, "The mechanical and electrical upgrades are moving right on schedule. The only problem we will be running into is that some of the equipment will not be arriving until after school starts."

That work will be completed after school and on the weekends.

Class fees

At the meeting board members also discussed class fees and where funds are being spent.

The district faces a \$300,000

deficit this year and it is the first time in recent years funds haven't rolled over from the previous school year.

Skinner in particular questioned the way the high school is dividing up the yearly fees it charges students.

For example, the high school photography class listed a fee of \$40 per student. "They do not seem to be leaving (the class) with the same amount of 'consumable product,'" said Skinner.

Fees for chemistry and art classes were also questioned. "It seems to me a kid taking chemistry shouldn't have to pay a lab fee," said Skinner.

Board member Mary Wallmann pointed out that many teachers, particularly at the kindergarten level, end up subsidizing class fees by paying out-of-pocket expenses — a trend she says results in a slanted view of classroom expenses. Certain items, like art supplies, should be paid for by the school, she said.

Mills acknowledged that he had not been able to locate an education code statute on the subject. He said parents will be notified of a report on school expenses that will answer questions about upcoming fees, which should be completed by October. "We'll make sure people have got what they need to get started," said Mills.

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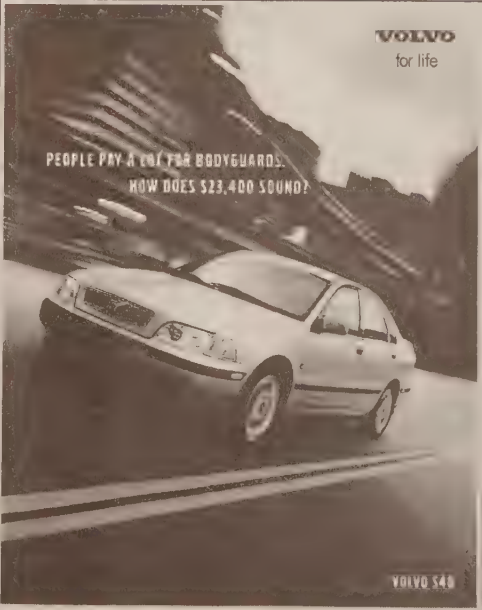
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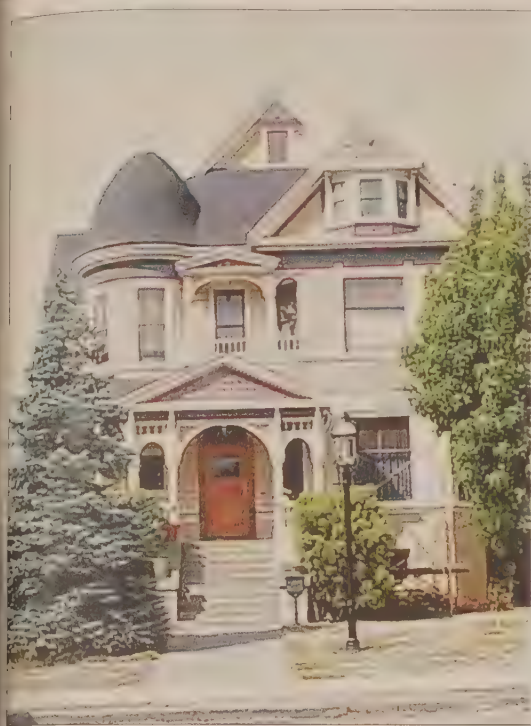
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THIS STATELY QUEEN ANNE house graces Alameda's Pacific Avenue. When the home was first built it had no need of an address: as its uniqueness lent more prominence than any house number ever could.

A British queen and her style

Queen Anne style blossoms in California

By Dennis Evanovsky

SECTION EDITOR

Having a late 19th century architectural style named for her would likely puzzle the 18th century British monarch, Queen Anne.

The second daughter of the Stuart king, James I, succeeded William of Orange in 1702. William had reigned jointly with Anne's sister, Mary, from 1689.

War punctuated Anne's rule, which lasted until 1714. The War of the Spanish Succession, known in America as Queen Anne's War, broke out just as Anne took the throne and lasted until 1713. Britain emerged from the conflict a victor, taking steps to establish itself as a major European power.

Anne had married George, Prince of Denmark, in 1683 and together they had 16 children. When she died with no surviving children, the crown passed to James I's granddaughter, Sophie, who died before her coronation.

The monarchy fell to Sophie's son, George, who ruled as George I, the first Hanoverian king.

British architect Robert Norman Shaw introduced the "Queen Anne style" in the 1870s, and his followers first displayed it in the United States with several buildings at the American Centennial Exhibition in 1876 in Philadelphia.

As the style moved across the United States, it became richer and more ebullient. The Queen Anne style peaked in California, and many Bay Area homes built in the style echo this richness.

The choice of the name for this eclectic style perplexes many today. According to Virginia and Lee McAllister in A Field Guide to American Houses, "the name is inappropriate, for the historical precedents used by Shaw and his followers had little to do with Queen Anne



THIS PACIFIC AVENUE Queen Anne-style home sports a bowler-hat, rather than the more familiar witch's-hat, tower.

or the formal Renaissance architecture dominant during her reign."

The style exuberantly expressed what many now call "Victorian excess." Queen Anne-style houses dominated the architectural scene from 1880 to 1900. The style appeared in four types, according

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to the McAllisters: spindlework, half-timbered, patterned masonry and free classic.

Many Bay Area home builders at the turn of the 19th century favored "free classic" like the Pacific Avenue gem pictured here. This Alameda Queen Anne-style home expresses colorful individualism; the homeowner simply needed a pattern book and a vivid imagination.

This late 19th century style had little to do with the British monarchy, and mentioning the name Queen Anne in this country will more likely evoke a picture of a house with a witch's-hat tower than that of the last Stuart to sit on England's throne.

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NEW HOMES

REAL CURB APPEAL

Most of you want your house to make a big impression. More people than ever are going for the add-ons and high-end features when building and remodeling, the Newark Star-Ledger reports. "They want to be proud of their house when people visit," says Joseph Mutinsky, president of the New Jersey Builders Association. "It's the perception of elegance. Instead of going for the 12th upgrade of carpet, they go for an oak floor that dazzles. They want other people to know they can afford the nicer option. It's ego."

BALCONIES, THE NEW MUST-HAVE IN HOMES

A balcony is a gracious architectural gesture, like a hand extended to Mother Nature.

"There's nothing on earth like your own private outdoor space, especially when it's right off the bedroom," says Darrel Rippeteau of Rippeteau Architects in Washington. Builders and architects report that a balcony is a grace note clients often request as part of a larger project. "More and more people are asking for balconies," says Gopal Ahluwalia, research director for the National Association of Home Builders, "and more and more builders are providing them. Generally, they're off a bedroom on the second floor. People like to get outside and be a part of the great outdoors."

Although such a space is not the primary goal of a remodeling job, designers agree that a balcony can have a major impact on the way people view and use a house.

'REAL WORLD' REVISED

The late Victor Papanek created a stir in 1971 when he published

"Design for the Real World — Human Ecology and Social Change." The book was translated into 23 languages and became required reading for student architects and designers.

Papanek completed a revised second edition of the landmark book just before his death in 1998, and it has been released in paperback.

"Design for the Real World" reached an audience far beyond the world of professional designers because of Papanek's skill as a writer explaining how homes, furniture and consumer products could be improved. An especially entertaining chapter covers the way Papanek made news in 1971 when he became angry at automakers from Detroit who claimed it would cost at least \$500 to make a bumper that could withstand 10 mph crashes. He responded by fashioning one from cheap materials and crashing it into the Senate office building at 15 mph.

Papanek's book is intended for anyone interested in thinking about the principles of design. It is published by Academy Chicago Publishers and is priced at \$20.

10 TOOLS EVERY HOME-OWNER NEEDS

Owning a new home can be a pretty wild proposition. To help you swing through the trials of first-time home ownership with the greatest of ease, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse has compiled this list of 10 essential tools, which are: hammer, wrench, screwdrivers (both standard and Phillips-head), hand-held power drill, hacksaw, utility knife, pliers, tape measure, stud and joist locator, and level.

FIBERS UNDERFOOT

If you're big on back-to-basics,

you may be tempted to choose sisal, hemp, coir or sea grass carpeting.

They're natural fibers, but don't count on them to be tough, cautions Metropolitan Home magazine in its August issue. They won't hold up in high-traffic areas.

Coir is the sturdiest and sisal and sea grass are the softest of these materials, the publication reports. All will last longer with latex backing or used with a synthetic-felt pad with a rubberized back. Wall-to-wall installation requires gluing directly to the floor to prevent buckling.

The magazine says you should vacuum frequently and treat spills immediately with a dry shampoo.

Alternatively, rethink wool, a natural, long-wearing fiber. If you want the look of sisal, you can have it with a wool look-alike, the magazine advises.

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Asphalt better suited to expansive role around the home

MORRIS' SON, Morris III, and his wife, Carol, help run our remodeling company. Recently, they asked about the most cost-effective surface for a driveway for a bid they were making. They wanted to know if asphaltic concrete (asphalt) would be less expensive and as durable as concrete for a really large driveway.

The answer? Asphalt (also called blacktop) is definitely more flexible than concrete, but its surface is not as durable as concrete. Therefore, we feel the best use for asphalt is where the ground is expansive (soil that expands and contracts as its moisture content changes).

Concrete is stronger and has a more resilient surface than asphalt, but it cracks plenty when poured in place over expansive soil.

Large, heavy pieces of equipment are often used to install asphalt. Therefore, it is easier and more cost-effective to install when it is laid in large open areas (parking lots, large driveways, roads, etc.). On the other hand, concrete can be easily installed in small, enclosed places. Both asphalt and concrete can be patched by hand.

Asphalt vs. concrete

Actually, asphalt is similar in makeup to concrete. Both contain an aggregate (gravel or rock) mixed into a binder. With asphalt, the binder is a crude tarlike petroleum product. In concrete, the binder is portland cement. The petroleum binder in asphalt softens considerably in warm weather, increasing its exposure to damage. Don't poke at asphalt on a hot day: You'll end up with a hole.

Weather conditions can take their toll. That's why it's important to know how to care for these surfaces. Maintaining asphalt can be done professionally, but it really is easy to do, and makes a great do-it-yourself project for a weekend. There are four areas of maintenance: small crack repairs, large crack repairs, pothole repairs and sealing.

Although sealing doesn't have to be done each time a crack or pothole is repaired, it's a good idea to combine all of the tasks into a single project.

Before beginning the process, you must completely clean the entire area to be sealed. A garden hose, a bristle brush and a bucket of soapy water will be needed. Mix a cup of powdered laundry detergent in a gallon of hot water and spread it over the area to be cleaned.

Make sure the surface has been wet down with the hose first. Use the bristle brush to scrub the surface clean. Use a pressure washer instead of a broom for less work. Our formula works really well on preparing grease stains, too.

Repairing cracks

Small cracks (up to about 1/4-inch wide) can be filled with asphalt sealer. If the crack is deeper than 1/4 inch, it should be filled with sand first. For cracks larger than 1/2 inch,



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mix fine sand with the sealer. Be prepared to go back, in both instances, to apply a second coat where the crack patch settled.

The most enjoyable repair is fixing a pothole. This is something that can be done quickly, and will really change the overall appearance of the surface. For the longest-lasting repair, you should call a professional, who will make a "hot patch." This is where the asphalt is superheated. When applied, it "melt-bonds" with the existing asphalt. Hot asphalt also dries harder, and is therefore a more durable repair. However, if the cost of a hot patch isn't in your budget, you can follow these easy

steps:
■ Dig the area of the crack to a depth of about 6 inches.
■ Clean all loose material from the hole.
■ Use a tamping tool to compact the subsurface.
■ Add crushed asphalt or concrete to the hole.
■ Tamp the surface again.
■ Repeat the process until the hole is filled to the surface level.

back and forth the repair is a success.
■ Brush the surface with a sealer. With cracks paired, the sealer will fill the asphalt. The sealer will also fill the asphalt or concrete onto the surface.

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Sealing and patching a driveway

Sealing a blacktop driveway automatically takes care of hairline cracks. For cracks up to half an inch wide with crack filler. For potholes and larger cracks, use an asphalt patching compound.

Clean any oil or grease stains with a scrub brush and driveway cleaner.

For cracks, apply crack filler and smooth with trowel.

Fill deep holes first with gravel. Tamp it down and apply blacktop mix. Flatten it down hard with a tamper.

Drive a car over the area to compact the patch into the hole.

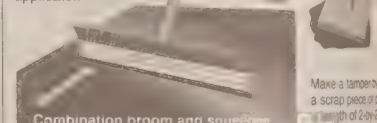
Sealing the driveway

■ Prepare your driveway before sealing it. The sealer bonds better when applied over a clean surface.

■ Make all patches before you apply the top dressing to the surface.

■ Driveway sealer is sold in 5-gallon containers. This is enough to cover 400 square feet. Some manufacturers recommend applying a second coat within 48 hours.

■ Pour enough sealer to coat 4 square feet. Spread it with a long-handled driveway applicator.



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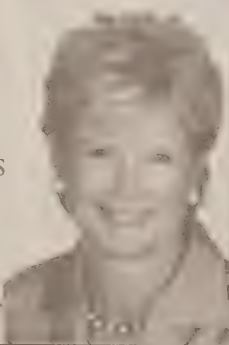
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WASHINGTON (Aug. 1, 2000) — Housing affordability conditions deteriorated during the second quarter of this year as rising home prices and higher interest rates offset gains in family income, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's composite Housing Affordability Index was 126.5 during the second quarter, down 4.6 percent from 133.1 in the first quarter. The index is a measure of the number of points below the same level a year earlier when it stood at 138.2. The index shows half the nation's households had at least 126.5 percent of the income needed to purchase a home at the second quarter median existing-home price, which was \$137,800. This index measures affordability factors for all home buyers, including a 20 percent down payment, with an index of 100 defined as the point where a median-income family has the exact amount of income needed to purchase a median-priced existing home.

NAR President Dennis R. Cronk said the index is at an eight-year low. "The Housing Affordability Index is at the lowest level since the second quarter of 1992, when it stood at 126.7, but any index over 100 is relatively good. For example, a family earning the U.S. median income of just over \$50,000 can afford a home costing \$174,300 — well above the national median existing-home price," Cronk said.

David Lereah, NAR's senior vice president and chief economist, said the real issue is affordability for first-time home buyers. "Higher interest rates mean more who are at the margins of qualifying for a loan are being priced out of the market," he said. "For every percentage point increase in interest rates, about 250,000 families are priced out of the housing market."

According to the Federal Housing Finance Board, the average ef-

fective mortgage interest rate for existing homes was 8.19 percent during the second quarter; up from 8.02 percent in the first quarter — more than one percent higher than the 7.13 percent recorded in the second quarter of 1999. This is a weighted average interest rate between fixed and adjustable loans, including the cost of points, and represents a bottom-line mortgage cost.

At the same time, the association's First-Time Homebuyer Affordability Index dropped 2.9 percentage points to 75.8 in the second quarter, the lowest reading since the third quarter of 1991 when it stood at 75.5. This index shows a typical first-time buyer household, aged 25 to 44, had 75.8 percent of the income needed to purchase a typical starter home during the second quarter.

The typical first-time buyer, earning \$29,337, could afford a home costing \$88,800, during the second quarter. "This means it's getting tougher to buy your first home, and affordability for entry-level buyers is a major concern for Realtor associations across the country," Cronk said. "This is a crucial segment of the housing market because all other sectors of the market depend on first-time home buyers in order to sell their existing homes," he explained.

Cronk said the association urges both the Democratic and Republican Platforms to preserve existing tax incentives for the housing market. "More importantly, we urge our national leaders to expand homeownership opportunities and reduce the number of people living in substandard housing, or paying too much ... for basic shelter," he said.

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Getting ready for the market

Number 336 in a series of true experiences in real estate

We're in the thick of a plan to get a new listing on the market in mid September. Our friend and client has lived in her large old house in North Berkeley for more than forty years, and now that her children are grown, she is moving to a smaller, single story house.

It is our job to consider, then to recommend what should be done to make the old house ready so that it will appeal to the broadest group of buyers.

The house needs work. The roof should be replaced before the winter rains, the porches at the back of the house are in an advanced state of deterioration, and most interior surfaces, as well as the kitchen and baths, will require renewal. But, owing to its excellent location and the good style of the house, we feel confident that there will be no shortage of interested buyers.

The house is one of those lovely old two-story stucco houses with a full-width front porch. Originally built in the 1920s, a fire in the early 1970s destroyed much of the downstairs rooms.

The owner took the opportunity to rebuild the damaged areas to reflect the time. Instead of replacing the oak floors, wall-to-wall carpeting was laid over subfloors. Combed wood paneling was applied to the walls, a new brick fireplace was built, and some aluminum and bottle glass windows were installed.

Probably snappy and appealing at the time, today the added elements seem out of place, a mismatch to the original style of the house.

The house retains its excellent interior light and fine spirit. Its dual personality has not interfered with its warm and welcoming feeling that will be immediately apparent to would-be buyers. But, we are sure, these same visitors will want to know what must be done for the health of the house and also, they will be considering how to return the rooms to their intended vintage.

We are concentrating on making the house very clean and spare and in providing as much real information about the condition of the house as possible.

Our friend is up to her ears in clearing, sorting and packing the accumulation of years of living. She does not have the time to change the elements of the house; she looks to us for suggestions, costs and workmen to accomplish whatever the seller agrees to do.

We don't have all of the information yet that we will need. First we will have a general physical inspection, find out if there are other problems with the basic systems of the house. But meanwhile, we are formulating a plan.

After some consideration, we've decided that the house will look better without the carpeting. Although

the floors replaced after the fire are plywood, we think that exposing them (and laying rugs over them) will be best. This will further lighten the rooms and will allow people to see what the floors are, to decide whether to lay new carpet or new wood floors.

We've already made a date to have the carpeting removed and to get a bid for refinishing the original upstairs floors and install new ones downstairs, a bid that we will pass along to interested buyers.

Our window washer has set aside a date to clean the windows, inside and out. The pivotal person, a woman we've worked with many

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times over the years preparing houses for market, will see that the house is thoroughly cleaned. She will also do some light staging, a couple of spots for sitting, thinking, absorbing while there.

We considered having some painting done, but at least at this point, we don't think it makes sense. Either the buyer will move in, put on a new roof and live in the house as it is for awhile or, it is possible, will do far more extensive remodeling before occupancy.

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ARMs lose market strength

By Robert Nussgart
BALTIMORE SUN

This ARM is broken. A complex-compound fracture. If it were a thoroughbred, it would be put out of its misery.

Borrowers looking for a good, low introductory rate home loan, usually couched in a one-year adjustable-rate mortgage, known as an ARM, are in for a rude awakening.

The one-year ARM, the darling of loan officers during times of higher fixed-rate mortgages, just isn't what it used to be.

Case in point: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage was offering a no-points, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 8.125 percent. The one-year ARM, which historically carries a lower rate because of its volatility, was being offered — also with no points — at 8.375 percent. Huh?

The answer lies primarily at the feet of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan. Because of the series of increases in short-term interest rates in the past 12 months by the Federal Reserve Board, the spread between adjustable-rate and fixed-rate mortgages is hovering at its narrowest point ever.

A recent Freddie Mac weekly mortgage survey shows a 0.89 percentage point difference between its 30-year fixed-rate average, which stood at 8.21 percent, and its one-year ARM at 7.32 percent. On July 13, the spread reached its lowest at 0.87 percentage point. Compare that to April 1994, when the spread reached 3.51 percent — the widest of the decade — and when a one-year adjustable mortgage was under 5 percent.

Even the spread between the 30-year traditional fixed-rate mortgage and hybrids such as the five-year and the seven-year ARMs — that give borrowers a period of stability before adjusting annually — was virtually nonexistent. At Wells Fargo, a no-points "5/1" ARM was recently 8.125 percent, and its "7/1" ARM stood at 8.25 percent.

"In the more than 16 years that we have been doing our survey, we've never seen that difference so small," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac, the federally chartered mortgage giant that supplies funds to lenders by purchasing mortgages. "It is really remarkable.

"If you look at our survey rates over the past year, you will see ARM rates are up about 1.25 percent — about the same amount that the Fed has increased short-term rates over that period. Fixed-rate mortgage rates are up, too, but maybe only about a half of a percentage point — because the Fed doesn't directly control the pricing of fixed-rate loans."

The actions by the Fed have caused the bond market, which influences how mortgages are priced, to invert. Simply, short-term bonds, which typically have a lower percentage rate than long-term bonds, are now doing the opposite. The one-year ARM uses the 52-week Treasury bill, which stands at 6.09 percent, as its index. The 30-year treasury bond, which should give investors a higher yield because it ties up money longer, was at 5.80 percent as of late July.

"Go figure," said Tom Champion, manager of the Lutherville, Md., office of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "What I've seen over my last 12 years in this business is, little by little, the spread between the one-year ARM and the 30-year (fixed rate) decrease. Never have I seen it invert."

What this means in real dollars is that using a one-year ARM today at, say, 7.32 percent, the principal and interest is \$1,030 for a \$150,000 loan. A year ago, the one-year ARM was 5.97 percent, meaning the same loan would cost \$896 a month, for a savings of \$1,608 in the first year before adjusting.

And when weighing whether to choose the stability of a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage that is priced less than a percentage point higher than the annually adjusting one-year ARM, the choice for most consumers is obvious.

"What you have today is a one-year ARM that is virtually useless," said Keith Gumbinger, vice president of HSH Associates, a New Jersey-based company that tracks and analyzes mortgage rates.

Said Nothaft: "You'll save a little money on the interest the first year, but a year from now it is quite likely the adjustable-rate loan will adjust a full 2 percentage points and you'll be paying 1 1/2 percentage points more than if you would have taken out that fixed-rate loan today.

"That is why we have seen the ARM share running so low in the marketplace today. Normally, when fixed rates go up like we've seen them go up over the last year, we would see more families move into the adjustable-rate product. But we haven't seen that.

In fact, we've seen a decline in the ARM share over the last few months, and that is because that differential has come down," said Nothaft, noting that ARMs make up less than 20 percent of all mortgage originations.

Although the Fed might be the primary culprit, it is not alone in the downfall of the ARM, according to Gumbinger. He notes the Fed's moves as well as the disappearance of thrifts that would offer below-market teaser rates, mergers within the banking industry that have eliminated competition, regulations

by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and even consumers themselves.

"(Thrifts) used to go out each other's throats in order to get you in the door," Gumbinger said. "The difference today is that there are fewer thrifts — mergers and acquisitions being what they are — that would write these (ARMs) for their own portfolio. But also Freddie and Fannie now (have more influence) now than they did back then."

So when will the one-year ARM begin to mend? Gumbinger said either 30-year rates must move up or short-term rates move down.

"If we get a resurgent inflation picture, 30-year rates will climb," Gumbinger said. "If we get no change to the inflation picture, we will be stuck in this stagnant mortgage (position) that we are in right now with no product to really shine through as an outstanding deal.

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Your goal as a seller should be to sell your home for as much money as possible in the least amount of time. To accomplish this, you need to properly prepare your home for sale. The homes that are in the highest demand and that command the highest prices are the ones that are in the best condition. Your listing agent should consult with you on how to fix up your home for sale. He or she can recommend what needs to be done to improve marketability as well as who to hire to complete the tasks.

Your listing agent can advise you about which presale inspections to order and from whom. A good listing agent will educate you about the current market conditions. This should include information about other listings that are currently available for sale in the neighborhood and those that have sold recently. This data will provide the basis on which to make a prudent decision about your asking price. Pricing right can

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Instead, we are concentrating on making the house very clean and spare and in providing as much real information about the condition of the house as possible.

Not much gardening will be done, just good pruning of a couple of overgrown bushes that obscure some of the pretty, front wooden windows. Possibly we'll have the wide front porch power washed.

Once we've been through the physical inspection, there may be other people we will consult. In this house, the furnace is fairly new, so we don't expect it to require further

inspection, but it is possible, for instance, that a closer look at the fireplace and chimney should be done, and there may be other things that we will want to have reports on.

We will work with the seller on her disclosures, as well as compose our own, with the aim of making prospective buyers fully aware of the condition of the property. We will provide bids for replacing the roof and floors and anything else we find pertinent. We already have a "termite" report which, in this case, primarily details wood rot in the porches and in some windows.

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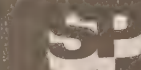
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Formal living rooms haven't died out quite yet

By Genevieve Buck
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Builder Pete Stefani sums up the decades-long discussion about the fate of a room: "People want the living room to be dead, but they simply won't kill it," he says.

Alas, the demise debate has been revived yet again, inspired by the renewed focus on the dominance of the formal room and the growing interest in the great room, which practically does away with interior walls by combining living, dining and kitchen activities into one usually spectacular open space.

Stefani, frankly, doesn't mind if the living room dies or sticks around. His Naperville, Ill.-based King's Court Builders deals primarily with custom and semi-custom homes, so he'll build what people want.

Based on his 15 years of experience, he thinks living rooms will die in there. "Even though buyers say they don't want one, they won't say it, they don't want to furnish it, they'll include a living room be-

cause they're afraid they'll never sell a home without one."

There are, of course, home buyers who are so secure in their philosophy about how they want to live or who are able to put resale thoughts on a back burner that they get exactly what they want and maybe even defy some stereotypes along the way.

Even though they're just on the brink of their 40s, they have three children from five to 11 years old and fit the profile of the family that wants one big indestructible living space, Lori and Steven Scholes have opted for a spacious suburban home with separate formal living and dining rooms that they actually use. "We're traditional," says Lori. "Dinnertime means khakis rather than jeans."

Lakshmi Menon and her husband, who have grown children and have lived with formal living and dining rooms, have "made a commitment to a different way of living," she says. Active, involved empty-nesters who enjoy entertaining, the Menons are getting settled in their new home in Fort Sheri-

dan, Ill. Nearly 800 square feet of their two-bedroom, single-story home is the great room with a wall of windows facing the extravagant views. "We wanted the room where we will spend most of our time to have the most space and the best views," said Menon.

Yet, with the majority of this country's owners now spending only five to 10 years in their homes before moving on—whether up or down—it's the thought of resale that puts a pall on the buying experience by placing an uncertain future before personal preference.

So, it's the bugaboo resale factor that bears the brunt of the blame for those who cling to their living rooms that are shrinking but just won't disappear. Depending on who's being asked and who's doing the answering, the perpetrators of the resale myth/scare might be: Parents who warn their first-time buyer offspring they'll get stuck with a dud and, to make their point, may even withhold a promised down-payment loan; decorators who want to save the home's most formal room because the extra room brings

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in more profit for them in furnishings and decor; and builders who'll do anything to add on more rooms as well as keep the traditional ones in place, rather than cut back on any phase of construction.

But, Gopal Ahluwalia, the statistics/economics guru for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., claims this living-room albatross will die simply because "it's not used at all. It's

locked up."

"Within the next five to 10 years, the living room will be out," he predicts with total confidence.

A 1999 National Association of Home Builders economics survey doesn't go quite that far. Respondents reported that 17 percent of their two-story single-family homes had no living rooms; of that percentage, 20 percent were homes with less than 2,000 square feet; 15

percent ranged from 2,000 to 2,999 square feet and 11 percent were greater than 3,000 square feet.

"(Ahluwalia) is on a different mountaintop," says Roger Mankedick, executive vice president of sales for Concord Homes of Palatine, Ill. Ahluwalia, he says, "is reflecting what's happening all over the country and when you include Arizona and California, where they've been living without formal living rooms for a long time, you might start to think that way."

Though Ahluwalia may think the majority of the country will give up living rooms in the next few years, Mankedick cautioned, traditional neighborhoods and regions will

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Interest rates slightly mixed this week

McLEAN, VA — In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.12 percent, with an average cost of 1 point (1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending Aug. 3, down very slightly from last week's average of 8.13 percent. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.89 percent. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage this week matched that of the week of April 14, which was the lowest 30-year fixed-rate mortgage so far for the year 2000.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages is 7.88 percent this week, with an average 1.0 point, up from last week's average of 7.85 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.45 percent. The rate for one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 7.28 percent this week, with an average 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 7.29 percent. At this time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 6.09 percent.

"Low new homes sales figures released yesterday support the idea the Federal Reserve's actions to keep inflation under control are finally having the desired effect," said Freddie Mac deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

"Despite these figures, the housing market remains brisk and we expect to see a strong housing sector through the rest of the summer season."

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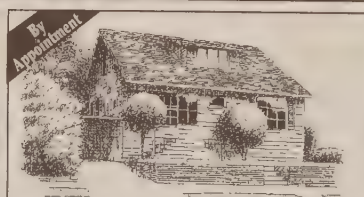
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Maintenance can help reduce noise from fans

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A box fan is simply a set of fan blades attached directly to the shaft of a small motor. An oscillating fan includes a gear assembly that swivels the fan.

Box fans are best used for exhausting hot or stale air from a room. In contrast, the swiveling feature of an oscillating fan can also be set to exhaust air, but it usually can't move the great volume of air a box fan does.

A problem common to both types of fans is excessive noise.

Accumulated dirt can cause noise because it can unbalance fan blades and wear out bearings. After every two weeks of use, vacuum a fan with a crevice-cleaning attachment. At least twice during the summer, wipe dirt from the blades with a damp sponge.

Check to see if there are external parts that are loose. Inspect fan guards, decorative emblems and the housing for looseness. Check to see that the fan guards are firmly attached to the fan housing. If the blade guards still rattle, try wedging a piece of cardboard between their edges. If the decorative cap on the front guard is noisy, secure it with a drop of silicone sealant. Disassemble the fan and check for loose internal fasteners if rattling persists.

Newer fan blades are usually plastic; older ones are metal. The hub to which the blades are attached may be friction-fit to the motor shaft or secured to it with a C-clip or a hex setscrew. Wear goggles when prying off C-clips. The metal blades on older fans may be secured to the motor

shaft with a setscrew located on the back of the hub.

A whirring sound may indicate that metal blades are out of alignment or damaged. To realign metal blades, unplug the fan and remove the blade hub. Place the hub on a flat surface. Each blade should touch the surface. Measure the height of each blade. If heights vary by more than 1/4 inch, bend the blades to align them, or replace the entire assembly.

Plastic blades can't be repaired but on some fans the blades are attached to metal brackets that can be bent to bring them into alignment. Check the plastic blades for cracks; replace them if necessary.

Plastic blades are secured by a spinner that unscrews. Tighten the hub to the shaft by tightening the spinner that holds it in place. If the spinner loosens repeatedly, secure it with a drop of thread-locking compound.

Is the fan poorly supported? Replace any pads that may be missing from the base. If the fan runs quietly on a cushioned surface, the rattle may occur if the surface on which the fan normally rests is not level.

Most fans today have a sealed motor that does not require oiling. If the motor on an older fan has oil ports, lubricate the motor and shaft at least once a year. Use SAE 20 nondetergent oil and apply no more than two drops to each oil port. Use lubricant sparingly to prevent motor damage.

Always unplug a fan when it's not in use or before cleaning or checking it. Don't leave fans running near unattended children or pets.

Living

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pretty lonely in his firm stance on the impending evaporation of the living room.

Developers, builders, architects, sales agents and others interviewed for this story were fairly uniform in agreeing that the living room's prominence, size and priority rating have diminished; but they also believe that the living room is not dead. "Not in luxury homes," says Scott Renken, president and chief architect of Greystone Builders & Architects Inc. of Highland Park, Ill., which specializes in new \$600,000 to \$2 million homes.

Renken said that 90 percent of the homes Greystone has built since 1996 have living rooms, though they're smaller than they've been in the past. But, 10 percent of the buyers will have big, formal living rooms, even if they use them only for holidays," said the architect, adding, "I don't see the living room ever being eliminated."

"There will come a time when it will be unimportant," says Mankedick, "but not in our lifetime."

The Scholes feel exactly the same way. Their custom home in Hunters Glen in Wheaton, Ill., built by Airhart Construction of West Chicago, has both living and dining rooms, a family room, a separate kitchen and a separate breakfast room.

"This is part of our personalities," says Lori Scholes, explaining, "we're a little formal. The front of the house remains intact, the family room is livable," she says.

"The living room is a quiet place where adults can have a conversation, where the children can practice the piano without interrupting anyone. We often entertain friends with families. The adults are in the dining room and have coffee and dessert in the living room. We prefer to have the children in the breakfast room where they feel more comfortable with their friends."

Concord's Mankedick says, "You'll find individuals who'll say they definitely don't want a living room, but when they find a house and like everything about it and it has a little parlor, they'll take it."

The Menons add another dimension.

Menon said the couple had not made "a conscious decision" to build a home without a living room. "When the children were growing up, having separate spaces such as the living and dining and family rooms was good for both the adults and children."

It was when they started looking at floor plans that those with a great room appealed to them. "We thought of how we entertained and we did not like to entertain where people get separated."

They've customized their home, enlarging the great room to nearly 30 by 26 feet. The large foyer flows directly into the great room and is flanked by the dining room, which they opened up so that it can be part of the great room. The study is their private space but it has French-type doors, so that it, too, can open to that all-inclusive great party space.

And, they've even done some reconfiguring of the kitchen "so that I can be part of everything," she says.

Although the majority of their buyers want both living and dining rooms, Cathy Wiesneth, sales manager for Toll Brothers Inc. communities in northern Illinois, says there are at least a handful, all empty-nesters, who "want a big great room and a big master bedroom on the first floor. They don't want a lot of compartmentalized spaces. They want their homes to be the place for gatherings, where their children and grandchildren can enjoy themselves."

However, Wiesneth added that many buyers prefer those plans that combine living and dining rooms. Each part retains a certain identity, but she claims that "when they're in tandem, they work really well."

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Above and beyond: borrowing more than the max

Ted had lived in his little rented house for 15 years and when his landlord died. He and his landlord had always discussed his buying the home, but after the property went into probate, the heirs decided to see what a market would bear.

Although Ted had a good job and excellent credit, he was a little short on savings and he didn't want to touch his retirement accounts. He needed to know if there was any way to buy the house at market value before he was forced to move.

When Ted called us he was looking for a referral for an appraiser. He had convinced the probate attorney to talk to the heirs and they all agreed that Ted could write an offer based on the full market value. He was amazed when his tiny little bungalow appraised for \$355,000.

We had talked about the 103 percent purchase program, and already had Ted pre-approved, but that loan product is limited to a \$225,000 purchase and Ted knew, even though there would be no real estate agent commissions, that the sellers would only agree to the full market value as a sales price.

Fortunately, there's a new loan product in town.

The 107 percent purchase money loan isn't for everybody, but

it sure met Ted's needs. It allows for a maximum loan of \$400,000. Ted was purchasing the home for \$355,000, but the lender allowed a loan amount of \$379,800 giving Ted \$24,800 to cover his closing costs, pay off some credit card debt and add to his reserves. Before the loan closed, Ted needed to demonstrate that he had at least two months PITI (Principal, Interest, Taxes and Insurance) reserves verified which he had easily in his 401k retirement account. There is no mortgage insurance required for this loan.

Ted was a perfect candidate for the best rates. While the 107 percent loan product allows for credit scores as low as 680, Ted scores were in the mid 700s. However, as usual, he had to be aware of the add-on to the cost of his rate. There was an additional half point for his loan being over \$300,000 and an additional .50 point for debt consolidation. There are additional add-ons required for this program if the borrower needs no income documentation, for a second home and for non-owner occupied (investor properties).

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Mortgage Madness



By
Karen
Senzig

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What's more, after Ted calculated his tax advantage, he discovered that he wasn't paying more than he had been paying for rent.

I suppose that's why they call it Mortgage Madness.

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Aluminum wiring projects need special connections

Q. I am in the process of remodeling my house, and my contractor added some additional outlets and light fixtures in the kitchen and dining room.

Shortly after he finished the job, we began to experience problems with the electrical wiring.

The lights would flicker on and off, and some of the switches were hot to the touch. I contacted an electrician to come over and inspect the work.

He said that the problem was the original aluminum wiring in my house. He showed me burn marks at most of the new wiring connections. He said that I should have the whole house rewired and that can cost thousands of dollars.

I'm the original owner and have never had a problem. My wife is worried that our house will burn down. Is this really a hazard?

A. Aluminum wiring has been used for many years in residential construction and is still being used today.

Properly installed, it is as safe as copper wiring. In fact, you will probably find it (to some extent) in more than 90 percent of the homes, condominiums and apartments being built today. The fears and concerns about using aluminum wiring usu-

ally date back to the late 1960s, when aluminum wiring got a lot of bad press. There were several cases where electrical fires occurred in houses built with aluminum wiring.

In some homes, switches and outlets become hot when in use, sometimes causing shocks to individuals, or starting fires.

Before the 1960s, most homes in California were wired with copper wire. It was cheap and easy to work with.

When the price of copper went way up in the early 1960s, contractors building large housing tracts turned to aluminum wiring as an alternative. PG&E had been using aluminum wiring for years and had not had any problems.

What the contractors did not understand at the time, is that the char-

All About Homes



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By Alan J. Heavens
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Every year at this time, I'm infested with brochures from termite-control companies touting this or that product.

Thankfully, only one of the two houses I've owned had termites. But it is a big problem that costs homeowners almost \$2 billion each year, and I am forever checking around the house to see if I can see any sign of an infestation.

Based on its sales figures, Orkin rates Miami tops when it comes to

termites, followed by Los Angeles, Tampa, Atlanta and Orlando.

Philadelphia, for example, doesn't make the list. That doesn't mean there aren't termites. It simply means that the problem isn't as big here as it is in the South — 17 of the top 20 termite towns were below the Mason-Dixon Line.

Subterranean termites are the most common, but drywood and Formosan termites are also making inroads, according to Orkin. Over the years, I've done a lot of termite re-

search, and since the creatures haven't changed much since they first appeared on earth, I'll share some of it with you.

Subterranean termites cause 95 percent of all termite damage. They nest in the ground and enter the house either by building mud tunnels or slipping through cracks as small as 1/64-inch. Because subterranean termites need moisture to survive, they must travel between the home and the soil.

Drywood termites live along humid coastal areas. They live in wood, not soil, and enter the house through just about any gap. And, because they don't need lots of moisture, they don't leave the house once they're inside.

Formosan termites' colonies are twice as large as subterranean's colonies, so they eat a lot quickly. Some experts say the Formosans can eat through concrete.

One colony can hold one million termites. One colony of termites can eat up to a half-pound of wood — cellulose actually — in a year. And in Africa, according to a book titled "Insects Through the Seasons," termites, especially the egg-filled queens, are considered a snack. Pass the brussels sprouts.

How does one get rid of termites? Treatment has usually involved injecting the soil around the perimeter of the house with a chemical that creates a barrier through which the termites cannot pass and continue to live.

There are people who earn a living controlling termites — home-

grown companies and national franchises — and they are listed in the telephone book.

Get two or three inspections to be sure about the scope of infestation and the cost of treating it. A decade ago, a termite inspector found evidence of powder beetles in the tower of a church I attended and recommended an expensive treatment.

An inspection by a U.S. Park Service expert found that the powder beetles had died 150 years before.

Check for signs of termites. These include mud tunnels along the foundation inside and outside the house, wings or sawdust near windows, doors and the garage, damaged wood or flying or swarming termites in the house.

Don't confuse termites with harmless winged citronella ants that swarm a few times a year, especially on unusually hot and humid autumn days.

The ants smell similar to the candles lighted in the summer to keep away mosquitoes.

How to prevent termite infestation

- Look for conditions such as wood touching the ground or siding that traps moisture and correct the problem.

- Remove tree stumps from around the house.

- Fix leaky plumbing or drainage under the house.

- Stack firewood off the ground and away from your house.

- Don't let outside faucets close to the house drip onto the ground.

Summer cleaning challenges

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Debi Peterson, an 18-year professional house cleaner, consultant to businesses and how-to instructor has some recommendations for summer cleaning problems.

Rain, sprinklers and wading pools can bring moisture and mud inside. This combination makes cleaning more time consuming and difficult.

Door mats inside and outside the doors will collect much of the dirt before it reaches your floors. Kids and dogs can be dried before coming into the house by hanging a towel in easy reach near the door.

Stopping at the door also can prevent wet and muddy shoes, toys or found treasures from being plopped down on the carpet or furniture. By placing a toy chest or storage con-

tainer near the door, these items can be kept for outdoor use and your indoors will remain cleaner.

If you enjoy a cooling breeze from an open window but dust follows, you may have to pull the blinds up and draperies back out of the way of the dusty breeze.

Dusting with a feather duster and wiping window sills and door frames on a timely basis can prevent the heavy buildup of dust and moisture that is very difficult and time consuming to clean. A few minutes now can save hours later.

Most importantly, if the entire family pitches in to clean, the entire home can be cleaned in a few hours weekly or semi-monthly. When all the family members have cleaning tools and a designated job, house-cleaning is not a daunting task.

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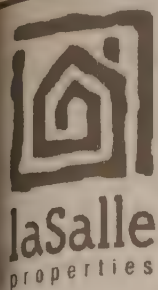
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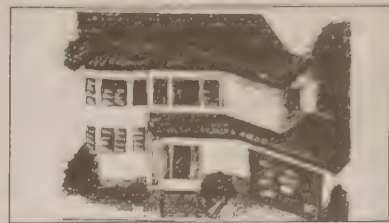
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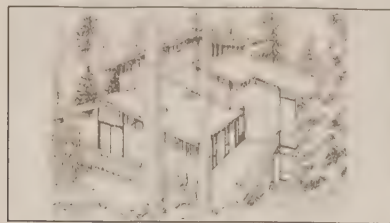
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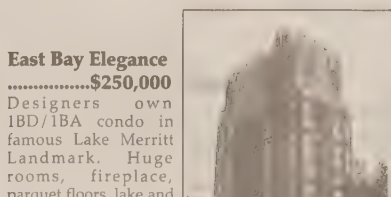
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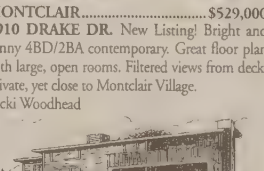
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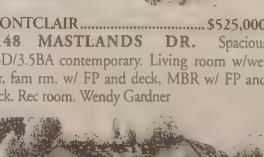
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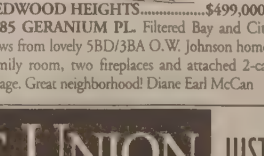
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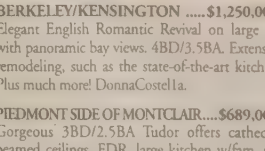
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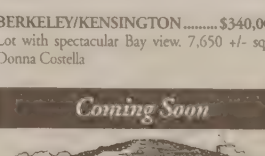
MAXWELL PARK.....\$255,500
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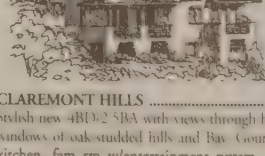
BERKELEY/KENSINGTON.....\$1,250,000
Elegant English Romantic Revival on large lot with panoramic bay views. 4BD/3.5BA. Extensive remodeling, such as the state-of-the-art kitchen. Plus much more! Donna Costella



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Expert tips on bringing flower garden indoors

LAKE OSWEGO, Ore. — If you can't wake up every morning to the flowers at the world famous Butchart Gardens, you can have fresh cut flowers in your home and create your own spectacular garden.

Experiencing your flowers from buds to full bloom and having them last for weeks, is the secret in creating your own indoor haven, according to Mark Hayes, CEO and co-founder of Flowerbud.com, an online floral company that specializes in quality and freshness.

"The flowers that make a great impression are the flowers that last," says Hayes.

"Cutting flowers from your own garden in bud form allows you to have the full life of the flower, rather than cut at the peak and have the petals fall off in a day or two."

Hayes suggests these easy steps in choosing and caring for your flowers to create the beautiful and fresh garden you desire:

- Take advantage of what nature has to offer, and choose any and all flowers that are in their peak season.
- Cut flowers in the morning or evening, not the hottest part of the day and be sure to put them in water as soon as possible.
- Change the water in the vase every three or four days, and add some cut-flower food to the water, which contains a bactericide that helps keep the water clean.
- Don't cut a stem until you

check out how the flowers look in a couple of different vases. Be really imaginative in what you consider a vase.

- Look for the greenest stems possible to ensure a strong lifeline for the flowers.
- Avoid flowers with broken stems, black spots, pockmarks or dents. Purchase bouquets in bud form for an arrangement that will last up to four times longer.
- If you take them out of water and to a friend's house,

make sure you rehydrate them for a few hours, as this is what a commercial grower would do to improve vase life and quality.

As a veteran horticulturist for over 25 years, Hayes suggests people take advantage of what late spring/early summer has to offer, including flowers like Asiatic Lilies, Lisianthus and mixed Astroemeria.

These particular flowers are in their peak due to the light intensity, longer days, soil and temperature and therefore the flowers have grown at their natural pace allowing perfect formation of the flower stem, leaf and bud.

This always leads to a much more robust flowers with far greater intensity of color and greater vase life.

Cut roses in bud form, just as they are starting to open with a little color, and cut lilies when all the buds are closed but color starting to show on the bottom buds.

Flowerbud.com ships flowers within 24 hours of being cut. Visit www.flowerbud.com.



Home improvement

By Bernard Gladstone
NEW YORK TIMES

Q: I poured my concrete driveway in several sections about three years ago and now the surface of the concrete has started to flake off and also seems to be crumbling in numerous places.

Without actually breaking up and pouring a whole new driveway, can you tell me what I did wrong and what I can do to level off this concrete?

A: The flaking condition you speak of is usually the result of adding too much water to the concrete mix, or not allowing the concrete slab to cure properly.

It's not easy, but you can resurface the driveway by adding a new 1/2-inch layer of concrete on top covering one half-width section at a time. Wash the surface with a degreasing solution (sold for use on garage floors) and a pressure washer. Then install 1x2 furring strips edgewise along the side of the driveway so that the top of the strip sticks up 1/2 inch above the concrete.

Between these sections, use masonry adhesive. Before the mix of one-part sand and one-part cement is added to the thick concrete, drag a wire brush over the top of the wood smooth with a trowel. Painted with a primer and now ready for the concrete, there is a place for the concrete. Clean the will be used.

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currently lists over 1,000 available spaces, most of which are geared toward smaller office, retail and industrial tenants.

Mike Mayeri, 33, who will lead the San Francisco operations for Cityfeet.com, was most recently with Rentals.com where as national sales director he helped design the company's sales strategy.

"Our success in New York City and Los Angeles has proven to be a particularly valuable service to small businesses and entrepreneurs," said

Fred Saint, Regional Vice President with Cityfeet.com. "I am pleased to have someone of Mike's experience and ability as we become the leading destination for Bay Area businesses seeking commercial space. We are confident our winning formula — which starts with a local market focus — will work well in the San Francisco Bay Area."


Cityfeet.com is a leading destination for local businesses searching for commercial space. The Web site, which focuses on the real estate

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The secret to living with, and using aluminum wiring, is making sure it is properly installed with the proper connections.

The National Electrical Code requires that any fitting connected to aluminum wiring be approved for use with that type of wiring. This basically means that you can't connect an outlet, switch, fixture or fitting to aluminum wiring unless it is listed to be connected with aluminum wiring.

These devices should be clearly

marked with the designation "CU/AL" or "CU/ALR". This means that the fitting is approved for use for copper (CU) and aluminum (AL). The "ALR" designation means aluminum residential.

What happened back in the 1960s was that the installing contractors were connecting the aluminum wiring to outlets, fixtures and switches that were not designed to be connected to aluminum wiring. The fact that your house has aluminum wiring should not pose a safety problem if it is properly installed.

Your question seems to indicate that the problem with the wiring is at the joints or connections that your

contractor made during your renovation.

This is usually where all problems occur with aluminum wiring. Because aluminum wiring expands and contracts a bit when an electrical load is running through it, it tends to loosen a connection if it is not properly tightened. This usually results in a switch or an outlet that is hot to the touch.

You should have all of the new wiring and connections inspected by a licensed electrical contractor to determine what corrective work is necessary.

It is possible that other areas of the wiring job may also need to be addressed.

John R. Schneider is a licensed general building contractor and a certified residential code specialist. He is president of All About Homes, a residential inspection company, and has been performing code and construction consultations since 1985.

Readers may address their comments to John Schneider, 24326 Mission Blvd., Suite 7, Hayward, Ca 94544. Fax number: 510-537-8666. Please include your phone number. Schneider will answer questions of general interest in the paper.

Readers are encouraged to contact a competent contractor or code consultant for specific information regarding questions they may have about their homes.

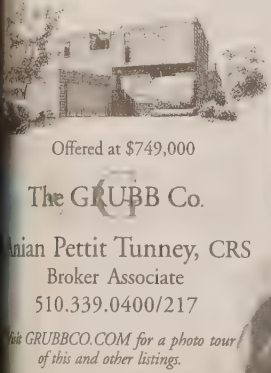
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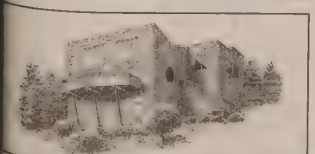
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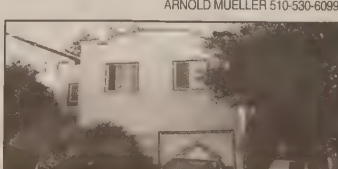
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5609 Golden Gate Upper Rockledge Prater, Jim Schubert 510-436-6683	36x2/2A	2-4	\$508,000
6032 Harwood Ave Rockledge Montclair Better Homes, Hal Marcus 510-287-5866	36x2/2A	2-4	\$508,000
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1287 Sunnyside Rd 46x2/2A Pacific Union Advertising, Vicki Woodhead 510-339-6460	46x2/2A	2-4	\$529,000
3081 Fruitvale Oakland Montclair Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 510-539-6099	2 - 1/2/2/2A	2-4	\$525,000
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4344 Anderson Ave Rockledge Heights Pacific Union Advertising, Diane McCan 510-339-6460	46x2/2A	2-4	\$458,000
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6487 Valley View Montclair Montclair Better Homes, Laurel Strand 510-339-9400	36x2/2A	2-4	\$435,000
2506 Cordova St 46x2/2A Prater Pacific Union Advertising, Carole Jones 510-339-6460	46x2/2A	2-4	\$429,000
6335 Melville Wells & Bennett Realtors, Neil Davis 510-531-7000 ext 253	36x2/2A	2-4	\$429,000
40 Highland Blvd La Salle Properties, Helen Boziga: 510-339-8900	26x2/2A	2-4	\$425,000
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4100 Barker Ave Lincoln Heights Coldwell Banker, Rachel Butler 510-339-4700	26x2/2A	2-4	\$388,000
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6857 Saroni Dr Piedmont Ave The GRUBB Co., Steve Michaelides 510-339-0400	26x1/2	2-4	\$388,000
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4070 Opal Temescal Prater, Carol Housh 510-537-4800	26x1/2	2-4	\$365,000
6482 Oakwood Dr Montclair Montclair Better Homes, Nihal Nassi 510-531-1670	26x2/2A	2-4	\$365,000
3820 Daffodil Ave Calderon Banker, Bonnie Smith 510-339-4700	26x1/2	2-5	\$358,000
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893 Collier Estadillo Estates Montclair Better Homes, Eraldo Shier 510-287-9598	36x1/2	2-4	\$355,000
3916 Tunley Ave Sequey Heights Prater, Ed Marshall 510-339-9290	26x2/2A	2-4	\$348,000
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416 Haddon Rd Clara Hill Montclair Better Homes, Teresa Chan 510-907-2440	2 - 1/2/2/2A	2-4	\$339,000
3768 Leighton St Piedmont Ave Lawton Associates, Sally McGarran 510-547-5970	2 - 1/2/2/2A	2-4	\$319,000
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4560 Merrill 26x2/2A (510) 945-0200, Camille Connelton, Prater, CA Realty	26x2/2A	2-4	\$248,000
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1269 Fascination Circle Richmond View Prater, Ray Shamen 510-827-8800	46x2/2A	1-4	\$404,988
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1711 Cutting Bl — \$110,000
3064 Deseret Dr — \$260,000
2421 Edmond Av — \$200,000
3454 Fleetwood Dr — \$265,000
2140 Gaynor Av — \$134,000
2204 Helligs Av — \$127,000
2634 Lincoln Av — \$165,000
242 Malcolm Dr — \$153,500
1330 Mallard Dr — \$199,500
173 Marcus Av — \$164,000
1334 Merced St — \$315,000
1513 Monterey St — \$147,000
2021 Nevin Av — \$165,000
210 Park Ln — \$149,000
1724 Pennsylvania Av — \$136,000
2705 Pine Av — \$141,000
1516 Scenic Av — \$180,000
58 Sea Isle Dr — \$430,000
2820 Sheldon Dr — \$253,000
521 South 18th St — \$55,000
207 South 1st St — \$88,500

3034 Stephen Dr — \$310,000
5408 Valley View Rd #5 — \$182,500
3796 Via Verdi #29 — \$105,000
521 Washington Av — \$430,000
5763 Yale Av — \$280,000
989 Yuba St — \$282,000

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TOTAL SALES: 27
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 190,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,500,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 350,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 381,352

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$265,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$529,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$341,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$411,100

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$175,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$720,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$425,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$461,882

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$212,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$900,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$390,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$443,247

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 118
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 53,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$918,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$247,500
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$303,686

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 51
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 55,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$499,500
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$170,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$204,853

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RON SALSIC
Range Rat

Striking gold in the Berkeley Hills

Up in the Berkeley Hills, in its own little picturesque valley between Berkeley and Orinda, is a charm of a golf course that regulars hold dear to their heart.

These regulars wince around Bay Regionals time. The Regionals is a 72-hole tournament played by the best amateurs in Northern California. The regulars hope these talented golfers don't let their little secret out. There is already too much play at Tilden.

But there is a heritage up there in the hills. Tilden Park Golf Course was designed in the 1930s by Billy Bell, a protégé of famed architect George Thomas, the designer of Riviera Country Club. Their arrangement was simple: Thomas would design the courses, and Bell would build them. Eventually, Bell went his own way. Tilden was a result.

Leonard Pytel of Albany is one of the regulars. Randy Haag, who grew up in Orinda, is another. The two have a reunion every year at the Regionals, which has been played for the past 63 years on the last two weekends of July and the first two weekends of August.

For the past 30- to 40 years (he can't remember how long it's been), Pytel has been the man behind the Regionals. He makes the rulings on the course and takes the cards in the clubhouse in this championship, once dominated by the likes of East Bay legends Ralph Hall, Aldo Galletti, Bob George, and ... Haag. Pytel has seen his course swam up to the best.

"Since the tournament switched from match play to medal play in the 1960s it has been rare to see a winning score under par," Pytel said.

Former NCGA Player of the Year Haag always comes to Tilden, though the championship has lost some of its luster over the years (the regulars are happy).

"I grew up here," Haag said. "And this course is deceptively difficult. For years the course record was only four under par. Now it's 64, six under. It's a tough track."

This year Haag shot 70-66-67-73—176 on the par-70 course, a 4-under total, to win the title for the third year in a row. But it was not that easy.

After the first two rounds, Haag went to the 36-hole qualifying for the U.S. Amateur on Monday at Ruby Hill, where he finished in a playoff for an alternate spot. Tuesday through Friday found Haag playing in the Pacific Coast Amateur Championship at the Olympic Club (his home course), shooting 73-73-74-73 to finish in sixth place. His ninth and 10th straight rounds of golf under the gun were last weekend at Tilden, and he finished with a victory he covets.

Mark Minor finished second, four strokes back at even-par 280. Scott Hardy was third at 281. And hard-charging Mike Schmitz of Alameda, who won the junior Tournament of Champions at Pebble Beach in Dec., shot 68-70 the final two days to finish fourth. Local favorite Jason Willis shot 72-73 the final two days to take seventh.

There is another very good golfer who plays Tilden. Her name is Anna Temple. And this is the Berkeley golfer's week to shine. Temple shot 75-78 at Waverley CC in Oregon to qualify for match play in 47th place at the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

Temple won her first-round match on Wed., defeating Jessica Belskis of Ohio 2-and-1. Stay tuned.

A junior golfer from the Alameda Junior Golf Club, who has not received her proper due, also qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur.

Wendy Liang has played in national championships for the past five years, with varying degrees of success. Just not enough to get her noticed. Last week Liang qualified for match play at the U.S. Junior Girl's Championship, up the road from Waverley in Portland at Pumpkin Ridge GC. But Liang ran into a buzzsaw in her first match. Lisa Romero of Lodi, who won the title, beat Liang 2 and 1.

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KATHY BAKER/STAFF

BERKELEY BEAR MARISSA ROOT came back from shoulder injury to compete in the 200-meter butterfly at the Far Western Regional Swimming Championships in San Jose. Below, 10-year-old Alexander Tin placed 16th in the 200-meter individual medley.

Bears among the best at Far Westerns

Fatherree in top 10 of 200, 400 I.M.

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

SAN JOSE — As a learning experience for young swimmers, you just can't beat the Pacific Swimming Far Western Long Course 2000 Championships.

This year's edition drew 1,178 swimmers from California, Mexico, Guatemala and the Cayman Islands. Those swimmers accounted for 4,294 entries during the five-day event that took place from Aug. 2-6 at the Frank Ficalini International Swim Center on the campus of Independence High School. The stands, for the most part, were jammed.

The Berkeley Bears, under coach Daryn Glasgow, had six swimmers in the meet and not one of them finished first. But then, in a meet like this, it's difficult to win.

Joel Fatherree, who swam in six events in the 15- to 16-year-old age group, had two top-10 finishes. He placed seventh in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 58.37 seconds. The winning time was 4:50.87 by Garrett Wagner. Fatherree also finished ninth in the 200 IM in a time of 2:21.64. The winning time there was 2:18.57 by Mathew Rothway.

"I'm doing all right, but it's not that great," said Fatherree after finishing his 200 IM race on Saturday. "This isn't really my event; I was just swimming to gain experience. I like swimming in a lot of events."

Fatherree, who will be a senior at Berkeley High this fall, believes his best event is the 400 IM, and he proved that with his best placing. "I don't have any hopes of winning anything; there is a team from Mexico that is pretty strong



and there are some college swimmers here."

He added: "I'm better at short-course events. I've made a lot of finals in those. I don't do that great in long course. I just want to drop my times here. I want to make the Junior Nationals time for next year. I'm seven seconds off (the JN time) in the 400 IM."

"Today was a little disappointing; he

got ninth in the 200 IM," Glasgow said. "It would have been nice for him to get another swim (in this event) in the afternoon. He is also faster than because that is when we practice."

Fatherree finished 20th in the 200 freestyle (2:07.81), 11th in the 800 free (9:10.27), 28th in the 100 backstroke (1:09.77) and 15th in the 200 back (2:17.05).

Dana Craig, a Bear who just graduated from Monte Vista High in Danville and who will attend Stanford in the fall, finished ninth in the girls' 800 free in a time of 10:22.98. Swum in timed heats over a two-day period, Craig finished a distant second to winner Brooke Wells of San Jose Aquatics, who won in 9:29.87.

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Champion cyclist Rodriguez unfazed by success

East Bay cyclist gearing up for Sydney Olympics

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Cyclists are a common sight in the East Bay hills. For many, cycling is a great way to exercise and enjoy fresh air.

But Fred Rodriguez is a cut above most other cyclists we see in these parts. For him, cycling is a profession that takes him places most only dream of going. Rodriguez is every bit as familiar with the Piedmont region of northwestern Italy — where he once was the top U.S. finisher in a race — as he is with its East Bay hills namesake, a town where he once resided.

For Rodriguez, 2000 has so far been a career year.

Rodriguez won the U.S. Pro Championship in Philadelphia on June 4 and competed in his first Tour de France last month. On Aug. 1, Rodriguez was one of five riders named to the U.S. Olympic men's road team that will compete in Sydney next month.

"I've been told that I don't seem too excited (about going to the Olympics),"

said Rodriguez, who recently moved to Emeryville after living in Piedmont. "I am excited. But now I'm thinking of winning. It takes away from some of the excitement."

Rodriguez will join Tyler Hamilton, George Hincapie, U.S. Olympic Trials winner Antonio Cruz and two-time defending Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong on the trip to Australia. Armstrong and Hincapie are Olympic veterans, each competing for the third time in the quadrennial event. Rodriguez, Hamilton and Cruz, though Olympic rookies, are well-seasoned cycling veterans.

"I think we have a really good team this year," says Rodriguez, "so we're capable of winning."

This year's Olympics will run from Sept. 15 through Oct. 1. The men's road race will take place Sept. 27 with the individual time trial Sept. 30.

Though Olympic glory would be great, cycling's main event is the yearly Tour de France. As the Rose Bowl is to college football, the Tour is the granddaddy of all cycling events. But the Tour goes beyond any comparison to a collegiate sports event. Soccer's World Cup is the biggest sporting event in the world, but it only takes place every four years. The Tour de France is an annual experience, with each year's race and each day's

stage having its own identity.

"The press, the fans — it's more than a bike race," says Rodriguez. "I don't think I would want to do any other tour. It takes so much out of you."

Armstrong grabbed most of the headlines en route to his second straight Tour championship. But Rodriguez enjoyed an outstanding inaugural Tour. Rodriguez, a fifth-year pro competing for the Italy-based Mapei team, completed three top-four finishes in the 21-stage event. But as a Tour rookie, he also had to pay his dues.

"We have the biggest team in the world by twice as many riders," says Rodriguez, who finished 86th overall. "We have so many superstars on our team. I've just been working up (to get to the Tour). I needed the experience of working in my first Tour."

During the Tour, ESPN commentators often lauded Rodriguez for his unselfish attitude. On July 2, Rodriguez battled stomach cramps and didn't perform as well as he would have liked in the Tour's second stage. But Mapei performed well enough as a team to allow one of its riders, Tom Steels of Belgium, to win the stage.

Rodriguez turned 27 the next day and celebrated by helping Steels win again. Rodriguez's unselfish work was also instrumental in getting teammate Paolo

Bettini first across the finish line in stage nine.

"Cycling is one of those sports that is hard to understand in that it's all about teamwork, but that only one can win," said Rodriguez. "You're always going to have riders cover moves (by other teams). We keep (the team's top rider) at the top of the group, we try to cover wind and try to keep close for 40 kilometers."

Rodriguez, who proudly wore the red, white and blue jersey he won at the U.S. Pro Championship throughout the Tour, had a good shot at winning the final stage in Paris on July 23. Instead, he helped teammate Stefano Zanini of Italy earn the honor.

"We felt as a team we would give Zanini the opportunity to win," said Rodriguez. "He had sacrificed himself for Steels two years before."

The Tour de France has been the pinnacle of an exciting year for Rodriguez. Earlier, he finished 48th and was the top U.S. rider in the Tour of Switzerland. Rodriguez had one stage win in that event and finished as the overall points leader.

Rodriguez also was 10th with one stage win in the Four Days of Dunkirk in France. He took third overall with a stage win as the top U.S. rider in the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Boys elite volleyball

E. Bay VBC is announcing tryouts for one elite high school boys club volleyball team. This team will compete in the NCVA 2000 fall season and the 2001 Junior National Championships. Tryouts will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tice Valley Gym in Walnut Creek on Saturday, Aug. 19; and 2-6 p.m. at the College Prep School on Saturday, Aug. 26. A parent must attend for registration and a meeting. Call 925-299-1850 for details.

Jim Otto book signing

Former Raiders center Jim Otto, a Pro Football Hall of Famer, will introduce his new autobiography, "The Pain of Glory" with a pair of Raiders Locker Room book signings in the East Bay. Otto will appear from 6-8 p.m. at the Raiders Locker Room in Castro Valley (3060 Castro Valley Boulevard) on Friday, Aug. 11. Otto will also appear from 1-3 p.m. at the Raiders Locker Room in Fremont (3918 Decoto Road) on Saturday, Aug. 19. Otto played his entire career with the Raiders, a stretch of 210 consecutive games, from 1960-74, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 1980.

Coaches needed

Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for its fall sports season. The Highlanders have coaching vacancies in junior varsity girls tennis, junior varsity girls volleyball and varsity boys water polo. Applicants should call athletic director Karyn

Shipp at 594-2744.

St. Joseph-Notre Dame High School in Alameda has openings for the following coaching positions: girls head varsity volleyball, girls assistant varsity volleyball, girls junior varsity volleyball, boys assistant varsity soccer, boys junior varsity baseball, girls junior varsity softball and assistant track.

Swimming

The El Cerrito Gators year-round youth swim team is open to swimmers 5-18 who can swim one length of the pool. The Gators' program emphasizes fitness, teamwork and offers opportunities for healthy competition. The club accommodates all levels of swimmers and focuses on perfecting technique, improving endurance and increasing speed. Swimmers and parents are encouraged to meet the coaches and try out one day at no charge. Monthly cost is \$41 per swimmer. Monthly family rates are \$62 for two swimmers and \$83 for three. For information, call 215-4375.

Oakland Barracuda Aquatics is a year-round swim team that invites children 6-18 into the program. Call head coach Mike Hoppe at 451-2832.

The Orinda Aquatics swim team has moved. Orinda Aquatics, a United States Swimming-affiliated year-round team, now practices at the new Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga. For registration information, call 223-SWMM.

Orinda Aquatics now has a masters swim team for people 19 and older who want to swim competitively or just for fitness. The team,

Lamorinda Masters, practices several times a week at the Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga. For details, log on to www.orindaaquatics.org or call 510-223-7966.

Summer soccer camps

Gino's Summer Soccer Jam, run by St. Mary's women's coach Tom Ginocchio, is a camp for children 5-16. The camp is staffed by college coaches and players. The week-long camps run from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Ginocchio, who is also a men's assistant at St. Mary's and girls head coach at Alalanes High School, runs half-day and full-day camps. Half-day camps are \$125, full-day \$175. There are also specialty camps available for advanced players, goalkeepers and teams. For information or a brochure, call 1-925-937-4466 or send an e-mail to ginojam@yahoo.com. Prospective campers and their parents are also invited to check out Soccer Jam's Web site at www.soccerjam.net.

Albany Recreation and Community Services is holding soccer training for players 7-14 and striker clinics for players 10-14 in August. Each of the camps is five days long, running 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drills and instruction are geared to the level, ability and maturity of the players with special attention to every participant. For more information, call Tom Sutton or Teale Matteson at 524-2800. Or contact Albany Recreation and Community Services at 524-9283.

and an airline labor dispute. Rodriguez eventually earned his Olympic nod through his performances over the past two seasons.

Rodriguez, who also maintains a residence near Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, heads back to Europe next week. He will have 10 more races with Mapei before meeting up with his U.S. teammates in Amsterdam on Sept. 18 for the flight to Sydney.

Once in Australia, the Olympians will experience a road race much different from other races — especially the Tour de France.

"You can't rely on a team because there's only five riders," says Rodriguez. "The only way to win is to have five riders capable of winning the race."

Armstrong, Hincapie and Hamilton compete for the U.S. Postal Service team. Cruz is with Saturn. Though the value of a team is greatly diminished in the Olympics, the five will still have to meld together when they compete for their country in Sydney.

"Most of these guys I've raced with throughout my cycling career," said Rodriguez. "We're American,

we're team-oriented and we understand what the Olympics are about."

Though getting selected to the Olympic team is a great honor, Rodriguez looks far beyond Sydney as he hopes to remain competitive for the next five to 10 years.

"In sports, you're always trying to prove yourself," he said. "You always keep focusing on your next goal. For me, that's to get a result in the Tour de France. This year I was a rookie. Next year, I'll be a leader and a lot more will be expected of me."

We can expect television commentators to mention his name a lot more often, too.

Salsig

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Mika Takayama, also of the Alameda junior club, also made the match play field in the junior am. Takayama lost in the first round, 3-and-2 to Elizabeth Janan-gelo of Conn.

This is Liang's last year as a junior golfer. She would have loved to go out with a bang at the U.S. Amateur. Liang made a good start, shooting 73 in the first round of qualifying for match play. But she came back with an 81. Oops. That

put her in a playoff, 12 players for nine spots. Liang succeeded. But she lost in the first round of match play, 2-and-1 to Emily Gilley of Ill.

Han Lee is another Berkeley golfer who played with distinction this past week. The Cal star won the Canadian Amateur Championship ... for the second year in a row.

Lee defeated Blair Buttar of Alberta 5-and-3 in the 36-hole final to become only the third American to successfully defend the title in the 105-year history of the championship.

"Last year I could sneak up on people," Lee said. "This year I did-

Bears

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Wells' time was also the top time in the 800, but Craig had no regrets.

"I had a good race," said Craig, who toiled in the nearly empty swim complex. "I like the 800 because it can give you time to correct your mistakes. In the shorter races, you can't do that; you have to be nearly perfect from the start."

Craig's event was the last before the afternoon break. Swimmers, coaches and spectators filed out during the 800 heats for a little R&R and many napped under the numerous trees that ringed the area. So by the time Craig entered the water, there were a hardy few to cheer him on.

"It doesn't bother me," Craig said. "I enjoy swimming alone."

Craig also competed in the 400 free, and finished 15th in 5:05.22.

Raymond Chetty, swimming in the 17-18 age group, finished 15th in the 200 back in a time of 2:39.71 and 17th in the 50 free in 26.87.

"I didn't swim as well as I wanted to," Chetty said after the 50 free. "The 200 free is my best event, but I'm not swimming it here because this is the only day (Saturday) I can come. This isn't a particularly fast pool; I have swam in a lot nicer pools."

Alexander Tin competed in the 10-and-under age group and swam in four events.

His best finish was in the 00 IM, where he finished 16th in a time of 3:03.14. He finished 20th in the 100 free (1:15.59), 28th in the 50 back (41.57) and 30th in the 50 free

Cyclist

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UNIQA Classic in Austria, and won the First Union Classic in Trenton, N.J.

Rodriguez actually finished second behind Henk Vogels of Australia at the U.S. Pro Championship but earned the title of U.S. champion as the top American finisher. Rodriguez had to outspint Hincapie to the finish.

Rodriguez's long road to this year's successes began in Bogota, Colombia, where he was born into a cycling family. Rodriguez's father, Ismael, was once a nationally-ranked cyclist in Colombia.

"My dad did the third or fourth Tour of Colombia," Rodriguez said. "Professional cycling was pretty new to Colombia at the time. My dad had to keep another profession — he was a musician."

Fred Rodriguez moved to the United States at 3, got into cycling at 11 and was racing at 12. By 15, he had moved up to an elite level and, two years later, moved to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Rodriguez is now in his second season with Mapei — the world's top-ranked team the past three years.

Unlike his father, Fred Rodriguez doesn't have to maintain a full-time profession outside cycling. But there was a time when he thought of giving up cycling to return to Cal State Fullerton to earn his business degree.

"I had my first European season (in 1999) and had a difficult time adjusting to the culture and to the racing," he said. "Pretty much at the end of the season, I wasn't too happy. I had some wins and some seconds, but I felt I wasn't getting the most out of myself."

Rodriguez, who ranked 192nd in the world last year, zoomed all the way to 68th so far this year. Still, there were some bumps in the road.

To compete at the U.S. Championship in Philadelphia, Rodriguez had to bypass cycling's second-biggest event, Giro d'Italia. This year's Giro, or Tour of Italy, took place May 13 through June 4. Rodriguez also hoped to compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Jackson, Miss., May 20.

"At the time I was selected to Giro d'Italia I already had four wins under my belt to that point," said Rodriguez. "I had to go to (the Mapei directors) and explain my case that I would go to these races and be a factor."

A strange thing happened to Rodriguez on the way to the trials. Rodriguez had flights canceled both out of Oakland and San Francisco. Though he finally made it out of the Bay Area, Rodriguez missed the trials when he got stranded in Dallas-Fort Worth, a victim of both weather

(34.70).

Sallie Oto competed in the 15-16 50 back and finished 36th in a time of 30.95.

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Arts

No replacing flick's hokey charm

'The Replacements' refuses to apologize for its cheesiness, but that's what makes it hard to dislike

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

"The Replacements" is very upfront about its intentions. A motley crew of men will be gathered, dressed in uniforms and turned into a Team. They will do funny things on and off a football field and by the end, at least one of them will discover he has Heart. Cheerleaders will appear periodically to ensure that the testosterone fest is complete.

Maybe it's that honesty that makes it so hard to muster any dislike for "The Replacements," even when it falls into deep hokiness or steals too shamelessly from better sports movies like "Slap Shot."

Inspired by the 1987 NFL players strike, "The Replacements" has been updated to present-day and set in Washington, D.C., although shot in Baltimore. The irascible owner



KEANU REEVES puts in a giggle-free performance as quarterback Shane Falco in "The Replacements."

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Just go along for the ride with goofy 'Space Cowboys'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

LOOK, CLINT, when you cast yourself and three other lovable older dudes in "Space Cowboys" as retired pilots brought back into action to help NASA with a tricky space problem, you brought them on yourself.

"The Golden Girls" references. What did you expect when you tried to blend comedy, drama and senior citizens in an amiable but absurd summer blockbuster package? Maybe references to that 1980s sitcom aren't as inevitable as the "Grumpy Old Men in Space" references, but more accurate.

Consider your cast: In the Rue McClanahan role of the horny senior, an engineer named Jerry O'Neil, Donald Sutherland, who sports a ponytail, thick glasses and a purely pre-Anita-Hill attitude toward sex jokes in the workplace.

In the daffy Betty White role, James Garner as sweet, flaky Tank Sullivan, who works as a country preacher but can still be relied on to fix state-of-the-art NASA equipment.

Channeling the spit and vinegar of Bea Arthur, Tommy Lee Jones as aggressive fighter pilot Hawk Hawkins. Which leaves Clint Eastwood, director, producer and star, with the salty Estelle Getty part, pilot/engineer Frank Corvin. He's taller, but he scowls the way she did.

It's not just the cast that makes this feel like a relic of the 1980s; the plot is straight out of the Ronald Reagan era.

The Golden Boys, also known as Team Daedalus, last served their country as a team of Air Force test pilots in 1958. They never made it to space because NASA took over outer atmospheric testing, but they crashed a lot of planes trying, and they still have a hankering for the moon.

In a clever black-and-white prologue, we learn that Hawk was the daredevil and Frank was the responsible guy. Partly because we're hearing Eastwood and Jones' real voices, it's believable that we're looking at them as young men. Except



"SPACE COWBOYS": Courtney B. Vance, James Garner, Clint Eastwood, Donald Sutherland and Loren Dean just can't salvage a plot that seems right out of the '80s.

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Space Cowboys"

■ **STARRING:** Clint Eastwood, James Garner, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, Marcia Gay Harden

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (some language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours

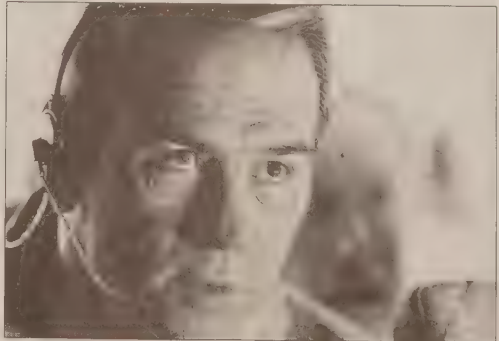
■ **WHERE:** At area theaters

■ **GRADE:** C

it's hard not to do the math on the too-youthful Jones, who would have been 12 in 1958.

Back in the present day, their

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OF THE FOUR talented stars, Tommy Lee Jones gets the rawest deal.

ARTS BEAT

Subterranean theater hosts one-act plays

BERKELEY — Four one-act plays performed by Shotgun Players continue through Aug. 13 at LaVal's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave.

Two plays will be performed Thursday and Saturday, and the other two tonight, Friday and Aug. 13. Weekday performances start at 8 p.m. The Sunday shows start at 7 p.m.

The first pair is "The Author's Voice," by Richard Greenberg, directed by Phil Stockton, and "Something in the Basement," by Don Nigro, directed by Ryan Gowlan.

The second pair is "The Winged

Man," by Jose Rivera, directed by Katja Rivera, and "Dasvedanya Mama," by Ethyl Eichelberger, directed by Mark Swetz.

Tickets are \$15 general, and \$10 for seniors, students and Theatre Bay Area members.

For more information, call 510-655-0813.

Open studios let public witness process

Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios is inviting professional artists, crafts people and galleries to be part of the 10th annual Holiday Open Studios on four weekends, Nov. 25-26 through Dec. 16-17.

Deadline to respond is Sept. 1.

Artisans participate from their studios or workshops, giving the public an opportunity to glimpse the creative process.

Interested artists and galleries should call 510-845-2612 for more information and fees.

Jazzschool shows require no homework

The Jazzschool students' instrumentalists' and vocalists' series continues through Aug. 24 at the Jazzschool/La Note restaurant, 2377 Shattuck Ave.

The instrumentalists' series is at 4:30 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 20, and the vocalists' series is at 7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 24.

On Aug. 13, the Barbara Colson Trio and the Nannick Bonnel Trio will perform.

Valerie Bach and Swang Fandangle, and the Guy Cash Sharp Five will perform Aug. 20.

Vocalists Anna Albanese, Debbie Moore and Cindy Jones, will perform Thursday.

On Aug. 17, Greg Murari will direct the ensemble Vocal Sauce.

Singers Ed Reed and Zoli Lundy's Little Thing will perform Aug. 24.

Admission is free, and reservations are recommended.

Call 510-845-5373 for more details.

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■ "Math Rules!" ongoing exhibit. A math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge. Make mathematical ice-cream cones, use blocks to build three dimensional structures, make dodecagon pies from a variety of mathematical shapes and stretch mathematical thinking.

■ "Within the Human Brain," ongoing installation. Visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones and construct stones inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments.

■ "Laser: The Light Fantastic," ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a supermarket-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam barehanded.

■ "492: Two Worlds of Science," ongoing exhibit. Explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus's voyage, through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

SPECIAL EVENT —

■ "Indonesian Kites and Culture Celebration," Aug. 19 and Aug. 20, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Final weekend of the kite-related exhibit featuring performances by Balinese dancers on Saturday, a Javanese gamelan orchestra on Sunday, demonstrations by Indonesian kite makers, food, and opportunities to make and fly kites.

SUMMER SCIENCE FUNDAYS — Science Stew, Aug. 16, noon to 2 p.m. Create a scientific stew of cool toys like play dough and bubble solution.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS — Free after museum admission.

■ Macintosh Computer Lab, ongoing. A chance for children to explore age-appropriate software and the Internet. For children age 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Through Aug. 26, Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

■ Biology Discovery Lab, ongoing. In the renovated Biology Lab visitors may hold and observe gentle animals.

Through Aug. 25, Monday through Friday, 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HOLT PLANETARIUM — No knowledge of astronomy is required for these shows. Programs are recommended for age 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted. \$2 in addition to regular museum admission.

■ "How Big Is the Universe," Aug. 12 through Sept. 3. Learn about various ways to determine distances. Aug. 12 through Aug. 25; daily, 1 p.m.; Aug. 26 through Sept. 3; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m.

■ "Explorers," closing Aug. 11. Join in the spirit of human exploration, starting with the Polynesians sailing the vast Pacific Ocean and continuing with the exploration of Mars. Daily, 1 p.m.

■ "Target Earth," through Aug. 25. Make your own estimate of how often Earth has been hit by comets or asteroids. Find out how sciences such as astronomy, chemistry, paleontol-

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

TV Newsroom Roulette

My kinda guy — he'd rather be a suburban East Bay newspaperman than a San Francisco TV exec. We're referring to Fred Zehnder, who publishes the weekly San Leandro Times and has been strenuously opposing the past several weeks by KRON-TV's new owners, Young Broadcasting, to be Channel 4's new news director.

The widely revered Zehnder, who retired 18 months ago as KTVU's successful, long-time news director, told me exclusively this week that after several meetings and lunches with Young officials, he turned down a "wonderful" (i.e., \$\$\$\$) offer late last week to run Channel 4's night news operation.

"It was a little like asking Paul [Mann] to come out of retirement to play the lead in 'Death of a Salesman,'" joked one local anchor.

So, why did Alameda resident Zehnder pass on the offer to come out of retirement and run the Bay Area's S.F. news operation? "It came down to the old 'Been there, done that' thing," says the mild-mannered, beloved long-time TV news exec. "I'm 66, and I don't think I need that level of stress any more — not to mention that awful commute over the Bay Bridge."

But what Zehnder, a newspaperable and well-known practitioner of high-road journalism, said about his concerns with Young execs in an exclusive interview should be the concerns of many anxious Channel 4 staffers. "I've heard all the bad reports about Young's approach to news," said Zehnder, who then journeyed up to Sacramento for lunch with KRON's incoming general manager, Tom Dinovitz. "I found the Youngs to be very nice people, interested in maintaining a solid news department."

Zehnder even got an audience with CEO Vincent Young. That's bad, says KRON's new owners, the man who built Channel 4's news department. The East Bay newsman, who had a picture of Ward R. Murrow on his office wall at KTVU all those years, also turned a previous offer to run Channel 4's news department down years ago.

At that time, it was different," explained Zehnder. "I would have been competing against all my people at KTVU, where I was then."

Really did like the Young people and what they want to do," repeats Zehnder convincingly. KRON news director's spot was open six weeks ago when Rosenheim bailed, jumping to KPIX-TV, where he's now director and apparently burning the phone lines to KRON, to lure his anxious former Channel 4 staffers away.

Rosenheim has already landed at KRON sports anchor/producer Dennis O'Donnell, who replaced Channel 5 prime-time sports anchor and Alameda resident Rick Rosenheim next week. Quan moves back to KRON.

KRON sports anchor Gary Rosenheim has already told me here he doesn't want to work for a non-sports station; Young loses its affiliation to San Jose's Channel 2002. Radnich's sports anchor, Casey Shaughnessy, was moved into action as a sports anchor last weekend following in O'Donnell's departure. Plus, of course, KRON's youthful and not-yet-tenured former morning anchor Malou Nubla, was the first to leave from KRON to KPIX early this summer to co-anchor Channel 4's and insubstantial "Evening News."

As the revered Zehnder's positions about Young and his plans might help a few Channel 4 staffers relax, already. Says Channel 4 news vet, "The joke is that KRON is that people are comparing notes here to see if Dan Rosenheim HASN'T."

Channel 4 source adds, "One of the things Young should have done differently is not to keep everybody in the dark like they've done the past several months about their plans."

KRON now lacking a general manager (Dinovitz takes over as station manager, and a new anchor, my source laughs). "We're still doing a pretty good newscast with no news in the building."

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Get ready, it's time to go...

Back to School

Conversation Is the Key to Connecting With Kids

As the world grows more complex, parents are faced with tough issues that are difficult for children to understand and even harder to explain. It's more important than ever for adults to talk with children about the key topics that they likely will face, including violence, sex, drugs and alcohol.

Following are some tips for talking with children about difficult topics, from Children Now and the Kaiser Family Foundation.

• **Start early.** Discussing sex, violence and drugs with youngsters will no more "put

ideas" into their heads than discussing traffic safety will make them want to jump in front of a speeding car. In fact, by opening a dialogue with children early and talking often, parents have the opportunity to answer their children's questions first with accurate information that's in sync with their family values.

• **Initiate conversations with your child.** Television and other media can be great tools for this. Watching a program about teen-age violence can be a great opportunity to open a dialogue. When the show is over, ask your child

what he or she thought of the program. Just one or two questions may be enough to start a discussion.

• **Create an open environment.** It is important to create an environment where your children feel like they can come to you with questions about anything at anytime, without fear of being punished.

• **Listen to your child.** Listening carefully to your child can help you to better understand what he or she really wants to know, and how much he or she already understands. This will make it easier to adjust your explanations to your child's level of comprehension. If you have more than one child - and your children are widely spaced - talk with them separately. Children at different ages usually are at different developmental levels. Listening

also helps to build self-esteem by letting children know that they are important and are being taken seriously.

• **Be honest.** Honesty builds trust into your relationship. Remember, if children don't get a straight answer from you, they may attempt to fill in the blanks themselves, which can lead to continuing misunderstanding and potentially dangerous consequences.

• **Be patient.** Children have a tendency to ask questions over and over again, which can test any parent's nerves. This is perfectly normal - the child simply is trying to absorb all they want to know. Listening and explaining things patiently allows children to think at their own pace.

• **Talk about it again.** Most children only can absorb small amounts of information at a time, so it's unlikely that they will understand everything after one "big talk." Let a little time pass after a discussion, then ask your child to tell you what he or she remembers about your conversation. Remember, honesty, patience and persistence work best when talking to children about tough issues.

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Back-to-School Basics
(MS) - The first day of school is both exciting and stressful; butterflies in the stomach and tears may not be uncommon for children and parents alike. To help provide a smooth transition into the classroom, the MetLife Consumer Education Center has collaborated with nationally recognized authorities to offer families with young children a free brochure called, "Your Child's First Day at School."

To make the back-to-school process easy, the brochure offers practical steps and tips for easing anxiety. One recommendation is to visit the school with your child ahead of time, helping him or her to know what to expect. The brochure also suggests key questions you should ask yourself to determine whether your child is emotionally, socially and intellectually prepared for school. Other issues include:

- Helping your child adjust to separation;
- How to nurture a child's love of knowledge;
- Teaching your child to see change as a challenge;
- And coaching your child on participation, cooperation and communication.

For more information on reducing back-to-school anxiety, call (800) 638-5433 for your free brochure.

Back to School Also Means Back to Bed

If your child dozes off in class, it could be due to more than a dull lecture. Longer school days, extracurricular activities and after-school jobs make today's children busier than ever. "Sleep debt" or sleep deprivation can lead to increased stress, moodiness and poor academic performance, says the Better Sleep Council (www.bettersleep.org).

It is difficult for your child to learn new concepts when he or she is sleepy. In addition, it is dangerous for that same tired student to drive to school, since sleep deprivation can lead to impaired driving abilities. The number of driving accidents caused by fatigue is increasing.

Getting the proper amount of sleep is just as important to a

child's health as diet and exercise. One way to be sure that your children get the proper amount of sleep is to create a comfortable sleep environment.

Following are four factors that can help you create a "dreamy" sleep environment for your child.

- **Mattress and foundation** — Be sure your child's mattress and foundation meet his or her needs for support and comfort. It's difficult to get deep, restful sleep on a mattress that is too small, too soft, too hard or too old.

- **Light** — Light is one of the body's most powerful time cues. A dark room is the most conducive for sleep, day or night.

- **Noise** — Sudden, loud noises from inside or outside the home can disrupt sleep. Steady, low sounds like a fan or air conditioner are soothing because they help block out other noises.

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Joyce Ahern, Board Chair affirms "We are committed to providing a well-balanced program designed just for girls, using strategies that research shows work for girls. We know that as we nurture the confidence and enthusiasm these girls have for learning, their self-esteem will be heightened. Our students will be called upon to be active learners, who tackle problems, express their ideas, and exuberantly take ownership of their learning in all facets of a well-rounded education: math, science, and technology included."

The teacher, Shelly Boismenu, is excited about her role in this new school for girls. She is a caring and dedicated educator with

great skill and a profound understanding of how girls learn. The classroom is structured around project-based learning, where students can see a project from its planning stages to its completion. Learning will be hands-on and experiential, the way girls like it.

The School will be located in the school building of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. The families involved in The East Bay School for Girls are coming together to form a close community that is representative of the ethnic, racial, social, and cultural richness of Oakland.

The East Bay School for Girls is accepting K, 1st and 2nd grade applications for September. A grade level will be added each year through 5th grade. For application information, call Joyce Ahern at 510.547.8227.

Safeguarding Computers at School

A new school year often means students become easy targets for thieves. Bicycles, backpacks and laptop computers are common items for someone to walk away with when students aren't looking. Laptops can disappear from libraries, cafeterias and any other common areas on school campuses.

More than 1,000 portable computers are stolen daily in the United States. In most cases, the laptop was not protected by a security device and the thief easily snatched the unattended computer. Hardware replacement costs were more than \$1 billion in 1998, however the loss of term papers, presentations, and reports is immeasurable.

To keep your laptop from becoming part of these statistics, security experts at Kryptonite say that you need to secure your laptop at all times. Power cords, zip drives, batteries and modem cards also are targets for thieves — make sure they are protected, too.

Some important tips to keep your laptop safe include:

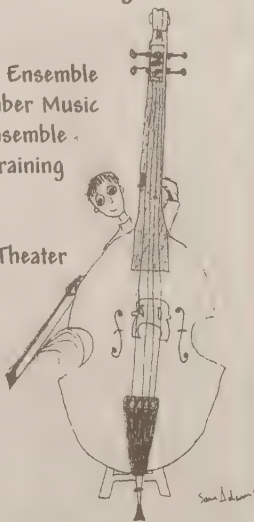
- Record the serial number and a description of the computer, and keep it in a safe place.
- Engrave your name with identifying marks or words on your laptop.
- Regularly back-up information and store it away from the computer.
- Check to see if the laptop is covered in the family insurance policy (most are not).

Students need portable computer protection for a variety of situations. Although there are a number of excellent locks available, Kryptonite's Combination Cable Lock is one of the most popular for its braided steel and no-keys-to-lose features. School can be tough enough, don't lose your laptop. For more information on Kryptonite locks and laptop security, call (800) SAY-LOCK. In Canada, call (781) 828-6655.

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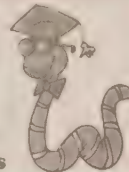


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on weekends. And every day, it offers warmth and friendliness. Owners Larry and Della's aim is for their customers to bask in an at-home feeling as they savor their lunch or dinner, and they achieve this through a cozy ambience.

Then there's the view. Every seat in the house - 120 total: 80 inside and 40 outside - offers a spectacular view of the estuary and Jack London Square. Diners enjoy courteous and polite service a view to die for, and food

that's worth living for. Small wonder the restaurant is not confined to Alamedans - though proud of this restaurant Alamedans may be. Diners include those from Oakland who come by Jack London water taxi and a steady and loyal following of yachters from San Francisco and as far away as Marin County.

Owners Larry and Della Murphy each grew up with a grandmother who had a restaurant. They often helped out, so you might say the restaurant business is in their genes. Before opening up the New Commodore's, they had a restaurant in Oakland. Why an American regional restaurant? "Because of the cosmopolitan and diverse nature of the Bay Area and city of Alameda, an American regional restaurant offering specialty dishes from around the country fits in well," Larry answers.

Two experienced chefs share the credit for the made-from-scratch dishes. Executive Chef Frank Faté was trained in the Culinary Academy and has 20 years' experience behind him. With his own catering business, which satisfies the Oakland Raiders, the Warriors, and the Oakland As, he is accommodating to any special dietary needs. Like your southern-fried catfish cooked in oil. No lard? No problem. A vegetarian? He's made provision for that, with many vegetarian choices on the menu, including various pasta dishes. Chef Donn Leach, also trained in the Culinary Academy, is the saucier. His forte is the special sauces that accompany many dishes. All his sauces are made fresh, with nothing prepackaged, no MSG, no preservatives. Just the finest natural ingredients, including custom-blended spices and seasonings.

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and Navajo), and home-dried sundried tomatoes; East-Coast specialties: Boston clam chowder and Manhattan clam chowder; and Northwest dishes: grilled salmon and crab cakes. There's a black Angus, hand-formed hamburger; polenta; jerk chicken marinated in spices and grilled; garlic mashed potatoes and garlic fries; and lots of seafood and fish dishes, including fried catfish and grilled catch-of-the-day.

The desserts are the perfect finishing touch to the perfect meal - the featured dessert is bread pudding with a special caramel sauce. There's a mouth-watering south-of-the-border strawberry shortcake with tequila sauce and a sinful southern Bourbon pecan pie that's being served now. The fresh-fruit cobbler changes with the changing seasons. Like all other dishes, the desserts are made from scratch and served with loving care and a generous hand. As owner Murphy says, "We use the freshest fruit, rich chocolate, fine liquors and liqueurs, real cream, and real butter - and we make no apologies."

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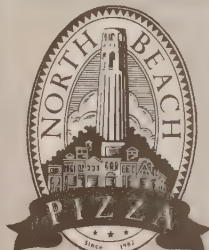
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Publix assigned the design of the Oakland house to San Franciscan Timothy L. Pflueger of Miller and Pflueger. The great appeal of the theatre lies in the manner in which Pflueger used the "Art Deco" or "Modern" style, popular in the 1930s. Pflueger used lines, colors and textures to create an overall effect which transcends the conventions of the style and impresses

even those who confess no admiration for Modern. One of California's most skilled theatre architects, Pflueger is better known for his large commercial structures, including the Pacific Telephone and 450 Sutter Street buildings in San Francisco. From the mid-1920's until his death in 1946, Timothy Pflueger was the Bay Area's leading architectural force and an active patron of the arts.

Over the years, the popularity of the movies declined and by 1971, the Paramount was shuttered and lay badly in need of repairs and cleaning of accumulated dirt, smoke and grime. Meanwhile, across the country, theatres which had deteriorated to a similar state, or worse, had already been lost to the wrecker's ball.

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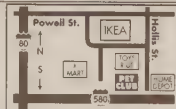
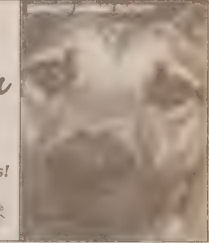
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Toyota Celica has grown spirited with age

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

It's amazing how the Toyota Celica has changed during the past 25 years. I owned a 1975 model which wasn't nearly as exciting as the 2000 GTS model.

Yet even back then, the Celica had an air of excitement about it. That was the basis of its design when Toyota had it on the drawing board in 1967. When the Celica was unveiled in 1971, a gasp was heard by those who viewed it; in no time, this little sporty subcompact soon captured the hearts of many sports enthusiasts, myself included.

Through the years each new model of the Celica has brought about numerous changes. Now in its seventh generation, the car is smaller, livelier, and more attractive than ever.

Created by the people at Caltex Design Research in Newport Beach, Calif., this new car has sharp edges, a plunging front end and a high rear end with an air dam on the rear deck. This design produces the mirage of making the Celica look like it is leaping forward — even when it is standing still.

Compared to earlier models, the new car is shorter in length, yet the wheelbase is longer. As a result, neither the front nor the rear have much overhang. Compared to the 1975 model — well,

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MOTOR MATTERS

SHARP EDGES, a plunging front end and a high rear end with an air dam on the rear deck make the new Toyota Celica seem to be leaping forward.

Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Unfamiliar automotive words now have definitions

Long ago I knew someone who referred to his car's accelerator as the "exhilarator." I thought perhaps he had a touch of the poet in him. Since he owned a Porsche it seemed appropriate: put the right foot down and exhilaration ensued.

But he called his car a "Porsh." Just the one syllable without that little "uh" at the end. Other clues led me to the conclusion that he really wasn't so hip about cars after all. He thought "exhilarator" was the right name for the gas pedal ("accelerator").

Well, he was an actor. One mustn't judge harshly.

If you have ever wondered about what to call that "thingie" near the

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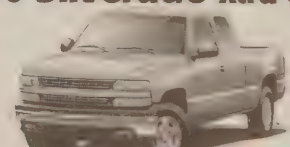
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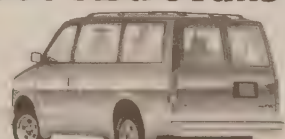


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1951 Ford wagon now in better-than-new condition

Having just graduated from West Virginia University, Ed Johnson was a graduate student at the University of Maryland when the crisis struck. He needed to conduct field studies of fresh water in remote areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

After placing a telephone call to his father, a Ford dealer in Shepherdstown, W.Va., the problem was solved. Transportation was provided. "I had a good dad," Johnson reminisces. It wasn't used transportation or even just basic new transportation. Johnson's father delivered a brand new, top-of-the-line 1951 Ford two-door station wagon.

That was the first of 40 years of what Ford designated "Country Squire" station wagon models. It was also the last Ford wagon to employ structural wood, since the next year all wagon bodies were steel with wood trim attached.

Johnson and his college lab mate built a homemade chemistry lab that slid in through the tailgate over the two rear rows of seats. By adding a trailer hitch, they were able to tow a two-wheel trailer supporting a 14-foot wooden boat. At 3,530-pounds the wagon was the heaviest Ford car in 1951.

With the addition of the chemistry lab, the trailer and boat — as well as their personal gear — the 239-cubic-

inch, 100-horsepower flathead V8 engine was pulling close to 5,000 pounds across hill and dale. "We must have looked like a circus wagon," Johnson said. As Johnson and his friend crashed through the underbrush, they occasionally ran across backwoodsmen who seldom saw an outsider.

After graduate school, Johnson married, turned the 1951 Ford wagon back over to his father in exchange

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

for a 1952 Ford and went on with life. His father kept the flashy 1951 wagon and took it to Florida when he retired in 1958. Before driving off into retirement, Johnson's father had the trusty flathead V8 engine replaced with a new one. There was nothing wrong with the original, but since the wagon had nearly 70,000 miles, he wanted to play it safe.

For the next 20 years, the 1951 Ford spent most of its time under a carport — at least that's where it always seemed to be whenever the younger Johnson visited his father. In later years, the elder Johnson would spot rusty areas on the car

and cover them with whatever paint he had on hand at the time. "It looked like a checkerboard," Johnson said. Thankfully, the car was usually covered by a tarp.

In 1978, Johnson drove to Florida with a tow bar and pulled the old station wagon up the coast to Greensboro, N.C., where he had the car sandblasted and repainted. He selected the same sportsman green that was on the car originally. Only splinters of the original wood remained.

Johnson was within an eyelash of having a new wooden body hand built — at an exorbitant price — when he found a 1951 Ford wood body in 1980 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The owner had removed the wooden body and for decades stored it in a dry pig pen. Evidently, no pigs were present to protest. Johnson had his 1951 Ford reassembled into better-than-new condition. Ford built only 29,017 station wagons in 1951, each with a base price of \$2,029.

Since the dramatic redesign of 1949, the wagons had steel tops, which meant the interior ceiling had an upholstered headliner over the eight-passenger seating configuration. From the fire wall back, the 1949, 1950, and 1951 Ford wagons were virtually identical. From the fire wall forward, the noses were as different as their sedan cousins.



'51 FORD two-door station wagon has a flathead V-8 with only 5,000 miles on it

Because Johnson's wagon is an early 1951, the knobs on the dashboard are from the 1950 Ford parts bin. The steering wheel is 1951 vintage, although the dashboard itself was designed for a 1949 Ford and is wood-grained. Even though 1951 was the first year Ford incorporated the starter and ignition switch, Johnson's wagon still operates with a starter button on the dashboard.

When new, the Ford was well equipped with a radio, heater, turn signals, dual backup lights, and white sidewall tires. Johnson has since added a sun visor and fender skirt. The liftgate features a split two-piece rear window. With the tailgate lowered, the boards clipped to the back of the third seat are visible. They are designed to fill the gap between the second and third seat when they are

towered to form a privacy on the rear.

Keane

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there just isn't any comparison. The old Celica was much easier to get in and out of. Or maybe it's my age; I was much more agile back in 1975; entering and exiting the GT-S today is a bit of a struggle. Although the Celica has always been a sporty car, the current GT-S is the sportiest I have seen.

The basic difference between the GT-S and the GT is the engine. My tester, the GT-S, has an all-new 1.8-liter, four-cylinder, all-aluminum engine that can produce 180 horsepower.

That horsepower isn't great, but when it has to move only 2,500 pounds of metal, the power becomes downright exciting.

Starting out in first gear, a quick shift to second and I'm be doing 60 mph very quickly. This car was

equipped with a six-speed manual transmission, which allows the fun of running the tachometer to its safe limit.

But the six-speed gate was the cause of some consternation. The gate is so tight, I found myself shifting into unintended gears. I suppose with practice, I would eventually get it right.

But this gear box has another drawback.

Reverse is in the upper left hand corner, next to first gear. It's too easy to mistakenly shift into reverse and back into the car instead of going to go forward.

To remedy this problem, Toyota installed an audible beep-beep sound when in reverse gear — similar to the sound heard on large trucks when backing up.

But I could barely hear the Celica's beep-beep, especially if I was listening to a CD — which was just about all the time. Celica's system produces great sound.

If I were buying this car, I'd opt for the automatic transmission that has a sport-shift feature. With the use of buttons embedded on the steering wheel, all the fun of a manual transmission is at your fingertips.

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During my brief week in this beauty, I couldn't help but think of all the changes in the Celica over the past 25 years.

It's amazing how far the Celica has come.

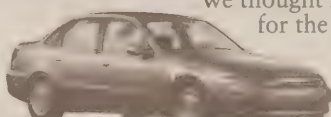
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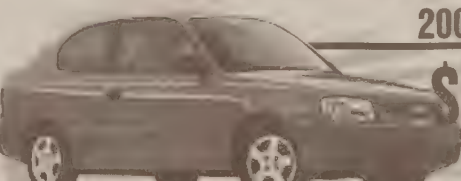
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"whatchamacallit" on your car, or wished you understood what the guy in the white shop coat was saying as he explained why you were going to be revising your vacation plans, then you can breathe easier.

John Dinkel has come riding to the rescue in his vehicle provided by Bentley Publishers of Cambridge, Mass.

John spent nearly two decades at Road & Track magazine, part of the time as the editor-in-chief. At the start of his sojourn there he produced the "Auto Dictionary." Now we have an all-new revised and enlarged "Road & Track Illustrated Automotive Dictionary."

I know any number of car experts, authentic and self-described, but few among them can define the terms they use both precisely and concisely. John Dinkel can. And he does just that for helpful page after helpful page.

The items are, as one might expect in a dictionary, arranged alphabetically. Helpful cross-references will guide you to the correct spot. Say, for instance, you look up "chip." You will be directed to "microchip," and "ping" will get you to "detonation."

The terms included run from the basic — airbag, trunk, shock absorber, headliner — to a more technical.

You can, for instance, find out the meaning of a McPherson strut, a glow plug, a PROM and a T-head engine: all handy information readily introduced over the canapés at most cocktail parties. At least those frequented by gear-heads.

(Briefly, a McPherson strut is a type of front suspension; a glow plug helps get diesel engines

started in the cold; PROM stands for "programmable read-only memory," part of the increasing computerization of modern cars; and a T-head engine is one with intake valves on one side of the cylinder and the exhaust valves on the other.)

As lucidly as John Dinkel defines the terms, your quest for automotive enlightenment need not rely on words alone.

A lavish hand has distributed a plethora of illustrations throughout the book — sometimes photographs, sometimes admirably clear and comprehensible drawings.

Furthermore, the design of the book is just as it should be. Slightly smaller in dimensions than the usual car magazine it's about an inch thick. Divided into two columns, the pages are clean and inviting.

The topics in bold face are easily spotted, and the paragraphs are aired out with ample white space.

Perhaps best of all, the binding is composed of large wire rings so that the pages turn easily and lie flat. Oh, yes, the cover wipes clean with a damp cloth.

The dictionary's contents are king. Particularly useful to readers of road tests are definitions of the words road testers love to use, words such as "toss-able" (defining a car's willingness to be thrown into a turn).

You can finally understand exactly what auto writers mean by "turn-in" and "trailing throttle oversteer." Indeed, you can get a fix on all the mysteries of understeer and oversteer (a.k.a. pushing and loose).

One more thing about John Dinkel's clarity — he does not overexplain, a tendency that can leave many efforts at definition totally befuddling.



He states the case and leaves it. If there's

a term you don't understand in the definition, go to that listing.

Every household possessing a car should have this "Road & Track Illustrated Automotive Dictionary" on some handy shelf. It makes for good browsing, good argument settling and good private figuring out what that guy was talking about.

The dictionary is also good for one-upping the know-it-alls. Next time I hear someone mention a ZF gearbox (pronouncing it Zed-Eff, of course), I will say: "Oh you mean a Zahnradfabrik Freidrichshafen." Yeah. Thanks, John.

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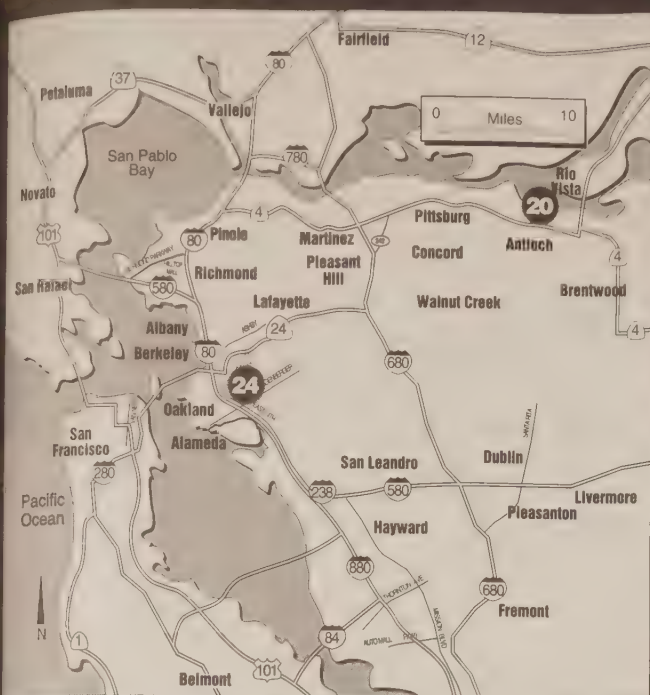
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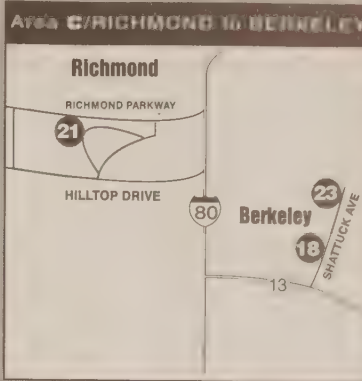
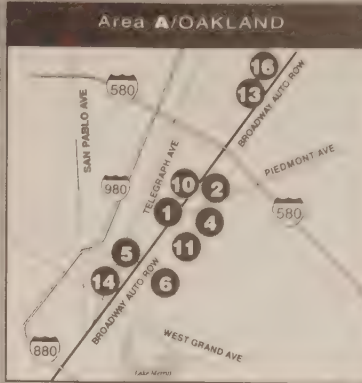
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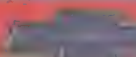


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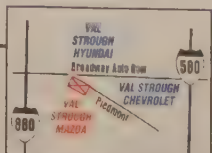
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In Provence, lavender weights the summer air with a heady fragrance and splashes across the landscape in thick, undulating rows of vibrant purple. It shares the dry soil and hot sun with other better-known herbs — thyme, rosemary, sage, tarragon and oregano — but lavender is the star, prized for its bouquet, a clean aroma at once floral and woody.

Lavender is used mostly for its fragrance in Provence. But in New York, far from the capital of this redolent crop, a strange thing happened when farmers started selling lavender. People started cooking with it.

Lavender is in Greenmarkets and on menus all over New York City this summer. Chefs are scattering the tiny flowers over salads and using them to infuse sauces for fish and lamb.

They are flavoring ice creams and other desserts with lavender's haunting essence. A cook bold enough to experiment will discover a surprisingly seductive herb.

"Lavender adds something indescribable to a dish," said Debra Ponzek, the owner of Aux Delices, a catering shop in Greenwich, Conn. "People are more familiar with it as a fragrance than as a taste, but it adds an unusual, soft, flowery essence."

Its scent is everywhere, in the cluster of tiny purple flower buds and in slender stems branched with small leaves often resembling spindly rosemary. Lightly crush and the aroma is yours.

The aroma drives the flavor. As the 19th-century French gastronome Brillat-Savarin put it, "Smell and taste form a single sense, of which the mouth is the

laboratory and the nose is the chimney." Lavender brings this theory to life.

Just a branch or two used to garnish a poached chicken breast, a round of goat cheese on a salad, or some moist, sliced white nectarines will add a whiff of floral elegance.

It is a powerful herb and has to be used sparingly in cooking. Too much can overwhelm a dish with a resinous pungency that's almost soapy.

"You put it in just at the last minute because, like cilantro, you have to be careful not to overdo it," said Antoine Bouterin, a native of St. Remy-de-Provence and the owner of Bouterin, on East 59th Street. He uses fresh lavender flowers as a garnish and to enhance the lavender honey in marinades and glazes for duck and chicken.

It's not clear whether lavender is so prevalent lately because there is more of a supply or more of a demand. Richard Farnabe, the chef at Lotus in the meat-packing district, who once cooked in the South of France, said that he never saw fresh lavender in this country before but now all his suppliers have it.

Cristina Spindler, the owner of the Peconic River Herb Farm, in Calverton, N.Y., said demand has been "unbelievable" as "lots of people have discovered it for their gardens because of the fragrance and because it repels insects, and some want to know how to use it for cooking."

In the Provencal kitchen, fresh lavender — lavandou in the local dialect — shows up mainly in confectionary or in ice creams and vinegars. With thyme, oregano, savory, rosemary and marjoram, it is often included in the mixture known as herbes de Provence, which



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adds a distinctive flavor to game birds and lamb. Delicately fragrant lavender honey is used in making nougat.

New York chefs are using lavender in some traditional ways, in creamy desserts like the lavender panna cotta at Abajour on the Upper East Side and the carameline, a kind of pastry cream, scented with lavender at Cello, on East 77th Street.

Alex Astienza, the pastry chef at Patricia in the Flatiron district, sees lavender as a little like cardamom, which also has

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Cooking with lavender

Artichoke salad with lavender and goat cheese

Adapted from Cafe Boulud

Time: 1 hour

4 large artichokes
Juice of 1 lemon
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1 sprig rosemary
1 sprig thyme
1 bay leaf

10 branches lavender, with flowers
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ cup dry white wine
1½ cups chicken stock
5 ounces soft fresh goat cheese
1 tablespoon heavy cream
1 tablespoon finely minced shallot
1 teaspoon sherry vinegar

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Lavender

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a perfume-like quality, and combines it with quince in a confit to serve alongside honey ice cream.

Outside New York, lavender is also having an impact, in creme brulee, for example, at Absinthe in San Francisco and the Jefferson in Washington. Chefs in California, among them Alice Waters and her disciples, have long been partial to it, cutting branches to use as flavoring and garnish. But this is the first time it's been so popular in New York.

Alex Lee, the executive chef at Daniel, grows five kinds of lavender in his garden in Port Washington, N.Y. He uses it to flavor lamb with pine nuts. At Cafe Boulud, the executive chef, An-

drew Carmellini, infuses lavender in broth to flavor an artichoke and goat cheese salad.

Chefs are also using lavender in more inventive ways, dropping a chic new name on their menus. At Revel, on the Upper East Side, Maurizio Marfoglia glazes fresh sardines with lavender honey and adds a bit of fresh lavender as a garnish. Farnabe dapples a risotto cake with lavender flowers to serve alongside squash.

John Tesar at Vine, in the financial district, scatters lavender and chive flowers on crispy sweetbreads and pappardelle; he said they cut the richness of the meat.

Patrick Woodside, the chef at Nicholson, on East 58th Street, adds a whiff of lavender to roasted langoustines by including the flowers in a light accompanying sabayon. "I'm familiar with



lavender from England," said Woodside, who previously worked at the Connaught Hotel in London. "I haven't seen it so much here, so I thought, 'Why not use it?'"

Fresh figs do well roasted with lavender honey, then strewn with lavender buds. Terrance Brennan of Picholine, near Lincoln Center,

adds figs and lavender to his Cavallon melon soup.

Ponzek, at Aux Delices, infuses milk with lavender to fold into cake batter. She also adds it to her own herbes de Provence blend and makes a lavender syrup, which she bottles and sells.

"The syrup is great as a finish for a kir royale," Ponzek said.

Cooking

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1 tablespoon finely minced herbs (tarragon, chives, chervil)
1 large egg yolk
1/4 cup grape seed oil
1 bunch frisee lettuce or 2 bunches mache, trimmed, rinsed and dried.

1. Remove outer green leaves from artichokes and cut off stems. With a paring knife, trim away remaining leaves and inner fuzz so only fleshy heart remains.

Quarter hearts. Place in bowl of water with 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice.

2. Gently heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in saucepan. Add garlic, cook briefly and add drained artichoke hearts, rosemary, thyme, bay leaf and 3 branches lavender. Season with salt and pepper.

Add wine. Reduce by half. Add chicken stock.

Simmer until artichokes are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat.

3. Mash goat cheese with cream. Fold in shallot, vinegar, minced herbs and leaves from 3

branches of lavender. Reserve flowers. Season cheese with salt and pepper.

4. Strain artichokes, reserving liquid. Place egg yolk in bowl. Whisk in 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Slowly add grape seed oil and remaining olive oil in thin stream, whisking constantly, to emulsify.

Stir in remaining lemon juice and 1/4 cup poaching liquid. (Save remaining liquid for another use, like soup.)

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Season with salt and pepper. Use about half this dressing to toss with frisee or mache.

5. Cut each artichoke quarter in 4 pieces, and arrange in a circle on each of 4 salad plates. Place goat cheese in middle. Place some greens to one side.

Drizzle remaining dressing over artichokes. Pluck lavender flowers from stem and scatter on top; garnish each plate with a lavender branch.

Yield: 4 servings.

Grilled Quail with Lavender Onions
Time: 1 1/2 hours, including marinating

1 bottle rose wine
2 tablespoons honey, preferably lavender
1 1/2 tablespoons orange zest
1 large clove garlic, crushed
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
4 branches fresh lavender (flowers and leaves), plus 1 teaspoon

Season with salt and pepper
2. Place wine mixture in large bowl, add quail and marinate one hour.

3. Meanwhile, place onions in saucepan with water to cover. Simmer 3 minutes. Drain and cut off root ends and peel.

4. Heat butter in medium-size skillet. Add onions, remaining honey and vinegar.

Cook over medium-high heat until onions start to brown.

Add remaining wine and orange zest. Continue simmering, about 10 minutes, until liquid has reduced somewhat and is syrupy, but with still plenty to coat onions.

Remove from heat and set aside.

5. Heat grill or broiler. Grill or broil quail 3 to 5 minutes on each side, until just cooked through and still slightly pink.

Add any pan juices to onions. Briefly reheat onion mixture and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Stir in lavender flowers. Serve quail with onion sauce.

Yield: 4 servings.

lavender flowers
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

8 quail, butterflied
1 pound pearl onions
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar.

1. Reserve 1 cup wine. Place rest in a saucepan, and simmer until wine is reduced to 1 1/2 cups. Add 1 tablespoon honey, 1 tablespoon orange zest, garlic, oil and lavender branches. Set aside until cool, then strain

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Fruit sorbets pack an icy punch

By Nicholas Boer
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Summer sorbets have the rarest of qualities: They're simple, they're beautiful and they're forgiving. You can let your creative juices flow without fear of making a mess.

I discovered the magic of homemade sorbet in the sunniest of circumstances, as a cook in a fancy French restaurant on the island of Kauai.

We were down a pastry chef, and I was presented the task of turning out seven different sorbets a night. It turned out to be a wild ride, sort of

sults, but for more watery fruits, such as melon, it's best to follow a recipe. I've never seen the sense of using raw egg white—it only complicates matters and undermines the fruit's intensity.

A dash of liqueur (careful—too much will soften your sorbet) is the quickest way to enhance fruit's flavor. Mango sorbet turns vibrant when laced with Malibu coconut rum liqueur; berry sorbet sings with orangey Cointreau or black currant liqueur (Cassis); and Amaretto or brandy adds a haunting edge to fresh peaches.

Basic Sorbet Recipe

Makes 1 quart

2½ cups pureed fruit (strained if not smooth),
or fruit juice
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup water
lemon or lime juice to taste

1. Heat water and sugar in a small saucepan until almost boiling and sugar is completely dissolved. Set aside to cool.
2. Combine syrup with fruit puree (if fruit is dense, such as mangoes, it will puree easier with some of the syrup.) Add enough lemon or lime juice to balance the sugar. Chill until very cold.
3. Freeze according to ice cream machine's instructions.

and scientist meets Escoffier. I would make vats of something called a simple syrup," which is basically equal parts sugar and water heated to dissolve the sugar and cooled.

Then I would start juicing and freezing tropical fruits. My basic formula was and remains simple: 2 ½ cups of pureed fruit and 1 ¼ cups of simple syrup. Then add just enough lime or lemon juice to balance the sugar and make the fruit sparkle.

As long as your fruit is ripe and otherwise, you will get wonderful re-

For added oomph, I reheat and infuse the syrup with spice: cinnamon stick for grapefruit sorbet; slices of fresh ginger for papaya; mint leaves for ripe melon.

The wonderful thing about sorbets, however, is their natural beauty, so keep them naked, and let the fruit shine through. It's best if each scoop is light, bright and simple, with perhaps a single contrasting element.

Just as popsicles linger in the freezer much longer than Hdagen-Dazs bars, sorbets aren't the biggest



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SORBETS MAKE a tempting treat on a hot summer's day.

mover on dessert menus. It takes resolve to order sorbet in a restaurant when double-chocolate brownie cake and tiramisu vie for your attention.

But great restaurants rarely fail to reward your courage, and you will feel better about yourself in the morning.

I recall an intense cantaloupe sorbet at Bay Wolf restaurant in Oakland, served with poppy seed cookies. It was fully satisfying—like a whole melon in every spoonful—and the crisp cookies provided just

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Sorbet

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enough sin to keep me from eyeing my companion's cake.

As a contrasting element, sorbets have it all: temperature, color and intensity. I once finished a spring meal at Lalime's in Berkeley with a perfumy strawberry sorbet spiked with a scoop of Meyer lemon sorbet. And late last summer at Fifth Floor in San Francisco—known for their turned-to-order ice creams—I enjoyed a tart plum sorbet afloat in a minted pineapple soup.

Unfortunately, I often find restaurant sorbets suffer from freezer burn or just plain old age. The trick to keeping homemade sorbet creamy is to keep it tightly covered and use it within a day or two.

Any ice cream machine will work for sorbet, and Krups makes a great electric machine priced around \$60, that requires no ice and turns fruit into sorbet in 20 minutes.

You can also make an icier "granita," by pouring your syrup-fruit mix in a shallow pan and setting it in the freezer. Stir it once or twice when it begins to ice, let set, and when ready to serve, scrape up mounds of crystals with a fork. The slightly rough, tingling texture is perfect as a palate cleanser.

Whenever I'm preparing a multicourse dinner, I have a ready batch of granita for my guests. This gives them a refreshing pause before the entree and allows me extra time in the kitchen to finish the piece de resistance.

Inevitably, however, it is the simple granita they remember most.

With granitas you want to add a little extra lemon or lime—or better still, use all citrus juice, in place of the pureed fruit. The tartness helps clean the palate, and the juice freezes harder than fruit, making it easy to scrape up the crystals. Be sure to set aside very small glasses or dishes in the freezer ahead of time to keep those icy crystals from melting too fast when serving.

Another serving idea for sorbets and granitas is in frozen fruit shells.

Lemon, lime or passion fruit for granitas, or—as Il Porcellino in Oakland does—oranges for dessert.

Some chefs even use sorbet as a garnish for savory dishes: I've had vodka-lemon sorbet on oysters, cucumber-jalapeno granita on shellfish-corn salad, and frozen avocado atop gazpacho.

So, obviously, you can go well beyond fruit, sugar and water if you want to. Go bananas! I guarantee whatever you turn out will be very cool, indeed.

Melon Sorbet

Makes about 4 cups

Melons are so naturally sweet and juicy, no need to add extra water. This recipe comes from "Gelato, Sorbet and Ice Cream" by James Merrell (Ryland Peters & Small, \$12.95).

1 chilled, ripe medium-sized melon Juice of 1 lemon

4 tablespoons powdered sugar

1. Cut the melon in half and scrape the seeds into a strainer set over a bowl. Pour any juice into the food processor, but discard the seeds.

2. Scoop the melon flesh into the food processor with the powdered sugar and lemon juice. Puree, then chill until very cold. Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.

Per 1 cup serving: 148 calories, 2 g protein, 40 g carbohydrates, 0 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 33 mg sodium, 2 g fiber. Calories from fat: 2 percent.

Lemon Granita

Makes 1 quart

This recipe doesn't require an ice cream maker or even turning on the stove. Try serving it in hollowed lemon cups (you can save the cut lemon tops and put the "lid" back on when serving).

The recipe comes from "Gelato! Italian Ice Creams, Sorbetti & Granite" by Pamela Sheldon Johns (Ten Speed Press, \$17.95)

2 cups water
1 cup sugar
1 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

1. In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients and stir until the sugar is dissolved.

2. Pour into a 9-inch round or square baking dish. Freeze until the mixture becomes slushy around the edges, about 30 minutes. Stir to break up the ice crystals. Continue freezing, stirring the mixture every 20 minutes, until it is slushy, about 1 hour.

Per ½-cup serving: 104 calories, 0 g protein, 28 g carbohydrates, 0 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1 mg sodium, 0 g fiber. Calories from fat: none.

Florentine Cookie Shells

Makes 12 large cups

Whether or not you make your own sorbet, these cookies are a great place to scoop them into. It is a very simple recipe, the only trick is manipulating and shaping the warm cookie once it is cooked.

2/3 cup sugar
9 tablespoons butter (1 stick plus 1 tablespoon)
1 cup flour
4 ½ ounces sliced blanched almonds

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream butter with sugar. Add flour and mix until smooth. Fold in almonds.

2. Make ¼-cup discs of dough and flatten them on an ungreased cookie sheet (they will spread way out in the oven, so only put 2 at a time on a standard size sheet)

3. Bake until medium-golden brown all the way through, about 25 minutes. Remove and let cool on the sheet until they hold together when lifted up. (If you wait too long they will harden, but you can soften them again by briefly returning them to the oven.) Drape the warm cookies over an overturned glass or bowl, depending on what shape you desire. Press the cookie into shape and let cool a minute or two to harden. Repeat with remaining cookies.

4. To serve, place cookies on individual plates, scoop three different colored sorbets inside and garnish with fresh berries, powdered sugar and a mint sprig

Per cookie: 219 calories, 3 g protein, 21 g carbohydrates, 14 g fat, 23 mg cholesterol, 88 mg sodium, 1 g fiber. Calories from fat: 57 percent.

Watermelon wonders

By Susan Selasky
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

I had a tough assignment: Carve a whole out of a watermelon.

I've made watermelon baskets before and have carved a cantaloupe fruit bowl, but that's about it. But the National Watermelon Promotion Board's recent mailing caught my eye with some cute and clever designs.

Time to put on my Martha Stewart hat and give it a try. Actually, I found that you don't need to be super crafty to fashion a groovy centerpiece out of a watermelon. Of five designs shown in the brochure, I chose the bright-eyed whale and—in honor of the Great Lakes—the jaunty ship.

I started with the whale and spent too much time on it. It took me 50 minutes to complete, mainly because

I was trying to copy the design exactly. I even used a ruler to measure the distance between the eyes.

After telling my carving tale to chef Harvey Rosen of Lakewood, N.J., the man behind the melon designs, he told me to ease up. "Free-hand is the way to do it," he says. "No matter how it turns out, your friends will enjoy it."

I took that approach with the ship, and it took me only 15 minutes, start to finish, including making melon balls out of the cutout pieces.

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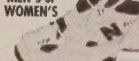
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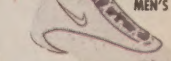
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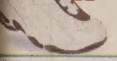
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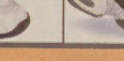
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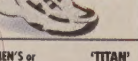
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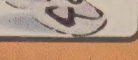
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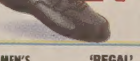
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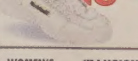
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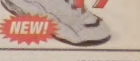
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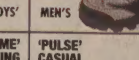
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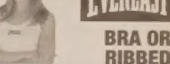
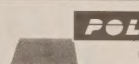
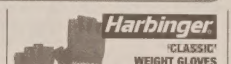
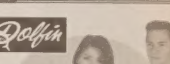
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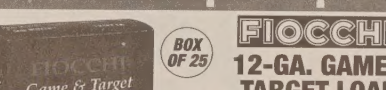
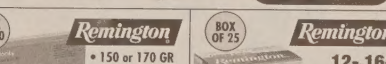
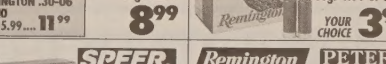
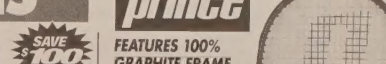
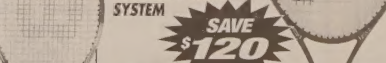
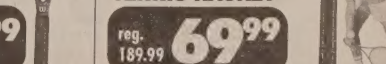
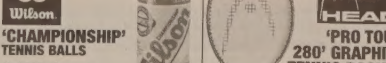
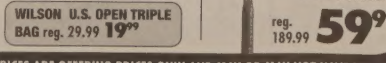
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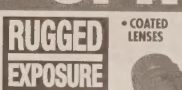
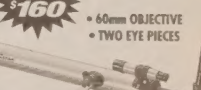
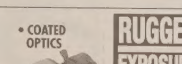
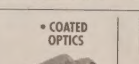
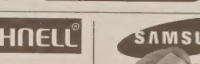
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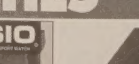
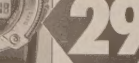
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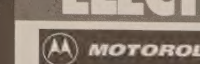
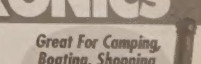
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